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Sat. Feb. 6

I studied and wrote letters untill noon when I went to the boarding house and got dinner. We then went to a show. In the evening I studied.

Sunday Feb. 7.

We wrote letters untill noon. after dinner we went to Elders' Hill and Clements room and held a fast meeting. Elders Hudson and Stocher and I then went down on the New York bridge and watched some professional ice skaters from Chicago run races. We then visited one of Elder Hudson's friends for the purpose of holding a cottage meeting and blessing a little baby. The lady wished to have her mother-in-law there when the baby was blessed but she didn't come so we didn't hold a meeting or bless the child.

In the evening we attended a Methodist Church and heard a little 13 year old girl give a lecture on the life of Christ.

Monday Feb. 8.

Elder Hudnor and I tracted together. We didn't we meet with very good success. Got one invitation in and quite a few turn downs. Visited in the afternoon. In the evening Elder Hill and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Smalley. I had quite time with him. He said Satar was the founder of the Mormon Church and that ~~he~~ was the inspirer of the Book of Mormon.

Tuesday Feb. 9.

Elder Stocher and I tracted together with but little success. We got one invitation in. In the afternoon I revisited. Elder Hudnor and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Halversor in the evening. We had a fine time. They invited us to eat breakfast with them on Sunday Feb. 21. That night at about 10:30 (just about the time we were going home) a fellow was beat over the head with a loaded gas pipe, and almost killed. This occurred on the corner of Spring St. and Lincoln St., about two blocks from where we were visiting. We passed within

a block of the place. If we had known anything about it we probable would have been frightened as we had about three quarters of a mile to walk alone.

Wednesday Feb. 10.

Worked as usual in the morning. In the afternoon I called on a friend of mine. I was n't feeling very well so I didn't go visiting in the evening. Had quite a talk with Mr. and Mrs. & Willey.

Thursday Feb. 11.

Elder Stocher and I called on one of his friends and had a good conversation with her and made an appointment to visit that evening when her husband was home. Elders Stocher, Hudson and I tracted the scraper works in the afternoon. In the evening Elder Stocher and I visited his friend Mr. and Mrs. Rafter and family. We had a fine time with them.

Friday Feb. 12

I visited in the morning and afternoon also. In the evening Elder Stocher and I called on Mr. and Mrs. Cherry ~~at~~ but they were busy so we didn't stay. We went to Elder Clements.

room and got him there went and saw a Civil War picture, the best war picture I had ever seen.

Saturday February 13.

I wrote letters and studied in the forenoon. After dinner we held priesthood meeting at Elders Hill and Clements' place. Then Elders Clements, Hudnor and I went to the Fox. Studied in the evening.

Sunday Feb. 14.

I spent the morning writing letters. After dinner we held Priesthood meeting at Elders Hill's and Clements' room. We attended the Methodist Episcopal Church on the corner of Lincoln and Fox Str. They had moving pictures of one of Abraham Lincoln's charitable acts. The one of releasing a widows son who was to be shot for desertion. They also had views on the life of Christ.

Monday Feb. 15.

Just eleven months since the day I left home. Elder Hudnor and I spent quite a bit of the day in the library studying on the Sabbath Day. In the after-

now we called on a few of my friends but none of them were home. At night he and I called on Mr. and Mrs. Smalley and had quite a time discussing the Sabbath Day principle.

Tuesday Feb. 16.

I tracted with Elder Stocher and enjoyed it greatly. We spent most of the time with two Germans Elder Stocher talking German to them. I could catch a word or two every now and then thus understanding part of his talk. In the evening Elder Clements and I called on Mrs. Kiesel and her father and bro. Talked on the Sabbath Day and had a fine time.

Wednesday Feb. 17.

Eleven months since I was set apart. Elder Hudson tracted with me. We didn't have a very good time. In the afternoon I visited one of my friends. In the evening Elder Hill and I visited one of his friends. Had good time.

Thursday Feb. 18.

I started tracting on Liberty St. Mostly Catholics in there

so I didn't have much of a time. When I went home after dinner I found I had received a letter from Mrs. Ellsworth and was under the impression that it was a transfer but it wasn't. He asked me to get the genealogy of all the Ellsworths in Iowa. In the afternoon I went to the library to obtain the addresses of all the Ellsworths, but only found one. In the evening Elder Clements and I went to visit a friend of mine but they were busy so we didn't stop. I had quite a talk with Mr. and Mrs. Willey upon the "Gospel"; after returning home.

Friday Feb. 19.

I went tracking with Elder Hudson. We visited a few of his friends as he was going to leave for Galenburg. To labor having received notice Thurs. afternoon.

In the afternoon I went to visit Frank Ellsworth to get his genealogy but he wasn't home. I called on Mr. Saunders and spent

two hours and a half talking with him upon the "Gospel."

I believe he is a little inclined to believe Mormonism but said his mother was a little prejudiced. Elder Hudson & I called on Mr. and Mrs. Ransom in the evening but they weren't home.

Saturday Feb. 25.

I took a bath wrote a letter to Pres. Wainock and made out my weekly reports in the morning. In the afternoon we went to the Fox Theatre and saw a pretty good show. In the evening went to the roller skating rink and all except Elder Stocker skated. Had a fine time. I wrote a letter home after returning to my room.

Sunday Feb. 26.

Studied in the morning until nine o'clock when I went up to Halversons for breakfast was much as they invited us. We were to be there at nine but Elders Stocker and Hudson were not there. They were quite surprised because

They had forgotter about giving us an invitation. Nevertheless they fixed up a fine breakfast for us. After dinner we called on the Reorganite friend to see if she wanted to have the baby blessed but she had decided to put it off. We held priesthood meeting in the afternoon. In the evening Elders Hader Stocher Hill and I visited the Park place Baptist Church.

Monday Feb 22.

After class I came home and had a fine talk with Mr and Mrs Willey. Then I went and helped Elder Hader carry his suit cases to the depot. At 11:35 he was on his way to Galerburg. It was too stormy to visit in the evening. Elder Clements was alone as Elder Hill had moved on with Elder Stocher so I stayed with him over night.

Tuesday Feb 23

I revisited in the morning and afternoon. In the evening Elder Nelson and I visited Mrs. Kessel and her father and brother. We had a fine time. They seem

To be getting much warmer
and the way they talked
appeared as if they were beginning
to believe Mormonism.

Wednesday Feb. 24

Tracked in the forenoon and
revisited in the afternoon.
In the evening Elder Stosher
and I visited a Heamar family.
The man of the house smoked
a pipe and filled the room
so full that it almost choked
us.

Thursday Feb. 25

Worked as usual. In the even-
ing Elder Neilson and I visited
Mr. Cherry and wife. About 9:15
there was a girl murdered just
a block from our street home.
She was hit over the head with
an iron pipe.

Friday Feb. 26.

After class we went to the scene
of the murder and watched the
blood hounds work on the
trail of the murderer. They followed
his trail about a half block where
they found the pipe with which
she was killed. On a block
they found her purse which had
been ransacked by the murderer.
The dogs followed the trail on

Behind the Aurora Cotton Mills but could go no farther. I have think a maniac is in town and that the same man also killed Miss Miller and Miss Hollander. In the afternoon Elder Nash of Salt Lake, Utah came to spend two weeks with us. He is a second cousin to Mr. Halverson. In the evening Elders Hill, Stocker, Nash and I visited Halversons and had a fine time.

Saturday Feb 21

I wrote a letter to the office and made out reports in the morning. In the afternoon we went to the Fox Theatre. Studied in the evening.

Sunday Feb 22

Studied and wrote letters untill dinner time. We held a priesthood meeting in the after noon and then attended the Y. M. C. A. and heard Detective Ward give a lecture on the Conquest of Crime. It was fine and we felt repaid for attending. Studied in the evening.

Mon. Mar. 1 Moved from 358 New York St.
to 209 S. Fourth St. Elder Hill went
to Chi. to labor.

Monday Mar. 1

Tracted in the morning and
revisited in the afternoon.
In the evening Elders Nielsen
Clements and I visited Smalley
and had quite a discussion.

Tuesday Mar. 2

Tracted and revisited as
usual. In the evening Elder
Stoeker and I visited Mrs.
Kiedel and her father and
brother. We had a fine
conversation with them. Mr.
McGoor said he would give
anything to know whether Joseph
Smith saw God or not. I ex-
plained how he could gain
a testimony thru prayer.

Wednesday Mar. 3.

Worked as usual in the
day time but in the even-
ing we didn't have a place
to stay visit so we studied.

Thursday Mar. 4.

Didn't work in the day time.
In the evening Elder Stoeker
and I visited Mr. and Mrs.
Harper and had a good time
with them.

Friday Mar. 5.

Snowed all day so we couldn't
work. In the evening we wrote

letter as we didn't have a place to visit.

Sat Mar. 6

I bathed and washed my head in the morning and studied a little. In the afternoon we all went to the Fox and saw a good show. After supper we went to our room and studied a little and went to bed early.

Sunday Mar. 7

Being fast day we didn't have breakfast nor dinner. Held a meeting at about three and had a good time. After supper Elders Nelson and Clements went home with Elder Stocker and J. Miss McNett played and we sang songs until a quarter to seven. At seven we were in the Free Methodist church. We listened to them bear their testimonies. Then the Minister got up to preach. His introduction was, "Before beginning I would like to say, with charity to all and malice toward none and in due respect of this church and all present that we do not believe in Mormonism. Neither do we believe in Joseph

Smith who was born in
 Palmyra 1805. Nor is the book
 that Joseph Smith and Sidney
 Rigdon wrote after the Spaulding
 Manuscript with a few passages
 of scripture mixed in. We believe
 in Jesus Christ who was born
 2,000 years ago. If they come
 around with their literature,
 pilgrim, I advise you to
 have nothing to do with them
 and as for me they are not
 welcome at my home."

He hinted at us while preach-
 ing in regards to Tradition etc

Monday Mar. 8.

Elder Stocher and I tracted
 together and had a pretty good
 time had several good conversat-
 ions. In the afternoon I made two
 visits and collected a little book.
 Elder Nash and I visited Mr. and
 Mrs. Smalley in the evening and
 didn't have such a good time
 as usual. I had been teaching
 that Christ changed the Sabbath
 which is a principle of our doctrine
 and the first ^{revelation} ~~revelation~~ that Elder
 Nash made was that Christ had
 not changed the Sabbath but

the calender had been changed

Tuesday Mar. 9.

Elder Nilson Tracted with me in the morning. Had a pretty good time. In the evening Elder Nilson and I visited Mrs. Kiesel, her father and brother. We had a fine talk with them. On our way home we passed a shed which had a wagon or two in front of it. Just as we got over a stream of light shot in from behind us. We thot some one was turning a search light on us. We turned around to see what it was and noticed a star falling off in the field a ways. It was very bright and it seemed as if the light merely enveloped us and for a half rod around. It was quite a thing as neither of us had ever seen anything like that before.

Wednesday Mar. 10

I Tracted alone and had good time made one night ^{appointment} call. In the afternoon I called on two of my friends but they were not home. In the

evening Elder Stocher and I ~~route~~ went to visit Mr. and Mrs. Cherry. On our way we passed them on their way to visit so we went back to the room and Elder Melser and I called on one of Elder Hill's friends but they were busy so we didn't stay long.

Thursday March 11

Tracted in the morning. After I had gone by 5 or 6 hours two or three families gathered on the porch of the second house and it looked as if they were talking about me. In the afternoon we retracted the, scraper works. Elder Stocher and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Cherry in the evening and had fine time.

Friday March 12

Tracted with Elder Stocher in the morning. We had one invitation in and were successful in obtaining two night visits. Elder Stocher and I tracted part of the G. Shop. We called on Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds in the evening and had a pretty good time.

Saturday March 13.

Bathed and wrote letters in the morning. In the after noon attended a show. In the evening we held our first street meeting. We were all a little frightened untill we got started. I was first talker. Elder Clements and I were the only ones who talked.

Sunday March 14.

Spent the morning writing letters as usual. Held priesthood meeting in the after noon. Had prayer circle in meeting. Didn't desire to go to meeting in the evening so we studied.

Monday March 15:

Just one year since I left home. Can see great benefits derived from missionary experiences. Little bad weather but tracted anyway. Elder Clements tracted with me. Got cold. Tracting so we took a walk out to Pigeon Hill a suburb of Aurora. Elder Stocher and I tracted part of the G. Shops. Was supposed to take Elder Nash visiting with me but he ^{wasn't} wasn't home so I went alone but the people were not at home. No one was at home.

when I came in so I practiced on the piano a little. Mrs. McNett came home in a little and popped some corn and we talked and ate corn until the rest came home.

Tuesday March 16

Work as usual in the day time. In the evening Elders Nielson and Clements and I visited Mrs. Kiesel and her father and bro. We had a fine time.

Wednesday March 17.

Tracted in the forenoon with Elder Nielson. In the afternoon I revisited. Elder ~~the~~ Stocker and I visited ~~Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds~~ ~~or~~ the Elder Nielson and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Harper and had a good time with them. Elder Nielson prayed, before leaving for the first time.

Thursday March 18.

Tracted and revisited as usual in the day time. In the evening Elder Stocker and I visited Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds and had a good talk with them. Mrs. Reynolds said Mr. Fapper the Free-Methodist preacher had been there and tried to discourage

her in regards to our doctrine. He also told her we had left our literature at every place he had been and the people were interested in it.

Friday March 19

We all went to the Fox and saw the nine reel motion picture of, "Uncle Sam at Work." It was sure great and well worth the money. It showed almost every phase of the U. S. Government and its several resources. We didn't visit in the evening as none of us had a place to visit.

Saturday March 20

Studied in the morning and wrote letters in the afternoon. It was a little too cold to hold a street meeting in the evening so we went to a picture show.

Sunday March 21

Wrote letters untill dinner time. Just as we were going to go for dinner Mrs. McNett asked us to stop and have dinner with them if one o'clock would be early enough. We stayed and had a fine dinner. We had a good priesthood ~~no~~ meeting. We visited the Holy Angels Church in the evening.

~~Monday~~
 Sunday March 22

Tracted and revisited in the morning and afternoon. In the evening Elder Nielser and I visited one of Elder Hill's ~~former~~ friends on Black-Hawk St. Had a good time and found out where the Reorganites were holding meetings.

Tuesday March 23.

Worked with about the same results. Elder Stocker and I visited Mr. Mc Goo and Mrs. Kiesel and had a good time with them.

Wednesday Mar. 24.

Tracted in the morning and afternoon. In the evening Elder Clements and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Harper. Had a fine time.

Thursday Mar. 25.

It was a little gloomy all day, almost raining. Did some tract-
 ing. We all attended a party at Mrs. Miles' (Mr. Kiesel's friend) in the evening. It was a birth-day party and we had a fine time. I took a flash light picture of the crowd. We made some new friends.

Friday March 26

We were a little sleepy so lay in bed longer than

usual. Didn't work that morning. Revisited in the afternoon. Elder Stocher and I visited Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds in the evening.

Saturday Mar. 27

As usual wrote letters and studied in the forenoon. Went to the Fox in the afternoon. It was too cold to hold a street meeting in the evening so we studied.

Sunday Mar. 28

Studied in the forenoon. In the afternoon we held our priesthood meeting. Held prayer circle. Didn't attend any church in the evening.

Monday March 29

Tracted in the morning. In the afternoon as I was on my way to 77 Downer place I met Elders Nieher and Clements and Bro. Alva Doty of Peoria. Al was on his way to Idaho where he was going to work for Elder Clements folks. In the evening we all went to the Fox. Al and I sat behind two girls and he tried hard to bid them.

Tuesday Mar. 30.

Usual work in the day time. In the evening Elder Clements and I visited Mrs. Kiesel and her father and brother. Mr. McGoor and I were in the corner talking authority while Elder Clements was singing with the rest. They appear to be much more in favor of Mormonism than before.

Wednesday Mar. 31.

Elder Stocher and I tracted to - gether in the morning. Elder Nielson came over about one o'clock after our reports for Pres. Wainoch. He had arrived from Peoria. We went back with Elder Nielson. In the afternoon Elders Clements Nielson and I went to the show. Elder Stocher and I went to visit Mr. & Mrs. Cherry and met them just as they were leaving home so we returned home.

Thursday Apr. 1

Tracted in the morning and retracted in the afternoon. In the evening Elder Nielson

and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and had a good time. They asked us to return Sunday and bless the baby.

Saturday

Friday April 2.

Tracted and retracted. Not having a place to visit we studied.

Saturday April 3.

Made out reports, studied and wrote letters in the forenoon. In the afternoon we all went to the Fox and saw "Henpecked Henry." We were going to hold a street meeting but decided it was too cold.

Sunday April 4.

Elder Warnock and I visited Mrs. Jiesel her father and Bro. and took a picture of them. ~~Held~~ Held a Priesthood meeting in the afternoon. Then Elders Stocher, Warnock and I went to Reynolds' and held a cottage meeting and blessed their baby. I officiated. There were seven adults present. We studied in the evening.

Monday April 5

While tracting I met a man who had invented a milk bottle sterilizer and offered me a job. Had quite a talk with him up on the Gospel. Tracted on the street corner about 6:30 in the morning. In the afternoon we watched the returns come in of the Johnson Willard fight. Elders Nielsen and Stocher went to the Fox. Willard was announced victorious and it pleased the crowd.

Tuesday April 6

Elder Nielsen tracted with me. We had only tracted a block when my nose started to bleed so we went back by the C.B. and J.G. shops on a side street and sat down on the grass. After it quit bleeding we went on tracting. Elder Warnock and I visited Mrs. Pierce and Mr. McLean again and had a fine Gospel Conv. with them.

Wednesday April 7

After class Elder Warnock proposed going up the Fox River to Devil's Cave. So Elder Nielsen and El. Stocher went

To my room after my breakfast.
 El. Wainoch + I went after a
 film and to learn which
 road to take and El. Clement
 bought the lunch. We had
 a fine walk up there. Had our
 picture taken at the mouth
 of the cave while eating our
 lunch. There were five of us
 and all wanted to be on the
 picture so we fixed a pile of
 rocks so we could pull a
 string and and it would
 take. The lunch sure was
 good. We played guinea
 and jumped a great deal.
 It was great. We caught
 the four o'clock car back
 to Aurora feeling well paid
 for the trip altho we were
 tired. We attended a party
 at Miles and had some fine
 cake and other lunch. We
 were certainly some tired
 boys when we crawled in bed at
 12:30

Thursday April 8.

We didn't get up until
 eight o'clock. We were so
 sore that we couldn't work
 in the forenoon. In the
 evening we held a street

Mrs. Reynolds is Indian descent and said
"I won't be the only Indian in the church."

meeting. Elders Clements, Warnock
and I talked. Had a pretty
good crowd.

Friday April 9

We all fasted and prayed
for our friends. Elder
Stocker tracted with me
and we had a pretty
good time. We tracted
the S. G. Shops in the after-
noon. At 4:30 we held a
meeting and had prayer
circle. Elder Warnock visited
Mr. + Mrs. Reynolds with
me. We told them we were
going to hold a baptismal
service soon. They said
they were thinking of joining,
also that her sister was
thinking of it. I gave them
a Liakona and mentioned
a letter which an Indian
had written and was
in the Liakona. After
leaving there we went and
had a dish of ~~ice cream~~
ice cream.

Sat. April 10

In the morning we washed
our heads and made out
our reports and then went
to the depot to say good-

by to Pres. Wamoch, who was leaving for Galesburg on the 11:03 train. After dinner we went to the Fox and saw the Roman played. We went down to hold our st. meeting but found our corner occupied by some political party, holding a rally.

Sunday April 11.

Studied and wrote letters until noon. In the afternoon we attended priesthood meeting.

Elder Clements and I went to Reynolds to hold a Bible class, but didn't hold it because the other people couldn't get there.

Monday April 12.

Elder Clements and I tracted together and Elder Nielser went with me in the evening to Mr. Charles. We had a pretty good time.

Tuesday April 13.

Tracted in the morning. In the afternoon Elder Stocker and I tracted the scraper works. Elder Nielser and I visited Mrs. Kiesel & Mr. M^r. Moor and had a good time.

Wednesday April 14

Elder Stocker and I tracted together in the morning. In the evening he and I went to visit Mr. & Mrs. Harper but they weren't home.

Thursday April 15

I tracted with Elder Nielser in the morning and re-tracted in the afternoon. Elder Stocker and I visited Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds in the evening and had a fine time. She said she wanted to be baptized and that ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Reynolds did also. He is trying to overcome his weaknesses.

Friday April 16

Tracted in the morning. In the afternoon Elder Stocker and I tracted the G. S. ps. In the evening Elder Nielser and I visited Mr. & Mrs. Harper. They had been cleaning up a home they had bought and were tired so we didn't stay long.

Sat. April 17.

Studied and wrote letters to the Cor. Pres. as usual in the forenoon. In the afternoon we went to the Fox and saw

pretty good on account of election we didn't hold a street meeting. Sun.

Sat. April 18

Passed the forenoon writing letters. In the afternoon we held our Priesthood meeting at which we had a prayer circle. Spent the rest of the day talking and studying.

Monday April 19.

After class we tracted. In the afternoon revisited. Elder Nielsen and I visited Mr. & Mrs. Cherry and had a good time with them.

Tuesday April 20.

Tracted and visited as usual. Elder Clements went out to Sister Kiersel with me. Had fine time as usual.

Wednesday April 21.

Visited Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds with Elder Nielsen in the evening and they again expressed themselves as desiring bapts.

Thursday April 22.

Elder Stocker and I visited Mr. & Mrs. Smith on Main Street and had a pretty good time with the three families that live in the house.

Friday April 23

Elder Clements and I visited Sister Kiesel in the afternoon and had a fine ^{talk} time with ~~them~~ her. She appeared to be very much in favor of the Gospel. In the evening Elder Melzer and I went to visit Mr. & Mrs. Hazen but they were eating supper so we didn't go in.

Sat. April 24.

passed the time as we always do by writing letters and making out reports. Went to the Fox in the afternoon saw the play, "Help Wanted". In the evening we held a street meeting at which I presided. We all talked. Had a fine crowd. More than we had literature for. One man from Plains came up to hear us ^{preach}. He is converted to Mormonism and is going to join as soon as possible. He has studied it for some time. After the meeting he treated us to ice cream. We had a good talk with him after the meeting. His name is Patterson.

Sunday April 25

Studied in the forenoon. In the afternoon we held our Priesthood meeting after which Elder Clements and I visited Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds. Had a fine talk with them. We spent the evening at our place, singing songs.

Monday April 26

Elder Clements and I began hunting a place to baptize our candidates. We went up the river for about two and a half miles but didn't find a suitable place. On our way we noticed a crowd of men standing on the railroad track where Illinois Ave crosses it, and wondered what had happened. Upon arriving we saw a motorcycle lying there all demolished. Two boys had been coming down Ill. Ave. and didn't notice the train so ran into it. They hit the step that leads to the cab of the engine and were hurled fifty feet being killed instantly.

In the afternoon we went down to River View Park and couldn't find a suitable place.

Then we went to the ~~44~~ Y.M.C.A. to see if we could get their swimming pool and were rejected. In the evening Elder Nielsen and I called on Halversons. They weren't home so we went to the Fox.

Tuesday April 27.

Again Elder Clements and I set out to find a place suitable for baptism. This time we went to Hurd's Island and found a fine place. Then there was another barrier to overcome, which was to get permission to use the island. First we went to the Chief of Police who told us to go to Mr. Randall who is Superintendent of the East Aurora schools. We found him with a little difficulty. He sent us to Mr. Shoger, real estate man for the C.B. & G., Paul R. He gave us permission willingly, and told us where we could get the key to the house on the island.

Elder Clements and I visited Mr. McGoor & Mrs. Niell that night and had a fine talk with them but the bad company which interfered with our

asking them to be baptized.

Wednesday Apr. 28.

Elder Clements and I visited Mrs. Kiesel in the morning and asked if she and her father would be baptized. She was willing but didn't know about her father and brother and asked us to return that night and talk with them. In the afternoon we hunted for the key to the house on the island. We visited six places before finding where it was. Didn't see the fellow that had it so couldn't get it until the next morning.

Elder Nielsen and I visited ^{my} Kiesel & Mc Goors. I told Mr. Mc Goor why we had come and he said he would rather wait a little while longer. Mrs. Kiesel said she was going to tell her church she had sent.

Thursday April 29

Elder Stocher and I got the key on our way to the other Elders' room. Elder Clements and I went down to the island and cleaned the house. Elder Nielsen & I visited Mrs. Reynolds in the afternoon. We had

our baptismal service scheduled for about six in the evening. We Elders were at the island about five and Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds arrived about 6:15 to be baptized. I baptized them and Elders Nielser & Clements confirmed them. We all attended a party at Mrs. Kiesel's in the evening. Her brother and wife were present and we stayed a little longer than the rest and had a pretty good talk with her bro. and his wife. We also had prayer, Mr. McLean leading.

Friday April 30.

We got up early so as to catch a car for Joliet where we would take a train to Bloomington. Elder Stocher and I took his suit cases to the waiting station and checked them. Then we met Elders Clements & Nielser and went to breakfast. We got to Elders Clements' & Nielser's room about seven. Our car was to leave at 7:30 so we had to hustle. Elder Clem. started out on ahead and Elders Niel. & Stocher started a few minutes after. I stayed

To write a piece I'd have put
 in the Beacon. I hurried down
 to the station as soon as
 I finished the letter but the
 car left just before I got
 there and Elder Clem. was
 waiting. The other Elders
 hadn't got there so we were
 going to catch the car on
 the corner of Fox & Lincoln
 av. We met the other Els.
 a few rods from the
 station and told them
 to hurry and get their
 suit cases and catch the car
 on Lincoln. El. Clem. & I
 caught the car but they were
 just a few minutes late.

We hung around in folkiet
 untill the other Els. came.
 Then we went out to the
 penitentiary but couldn't go
 thru on account of it being
 under quarantine.

We caught a 12:30 train
 to Bloomington. Upon arriving
 at Bloomington we found
 the place they had bargained
 for us to stay. Was sure glad
 to meet with Elders. There was
 a carnival in town so we went
 down and took in a few things.

Then Elders Pyrah, Stocker and I went to the 'Majestic' theatre.

Saturday April 7 May 1

attended a Priesthood meeting at 10:30 where the Elders delivered the topics that had been assigned to them. I was first, my topic being "How to Make & Keep Gospel Friends". By request of Pres. Warnock the Elders of the No. 211. Co. fasted and prayed for his health. We held a prayer circle directly after Priesthood meeting. About one thirty we all went to the studio and had a group picture. At 2:30 we were in meeting again to hear the instructions of Pres. Ellsworth. Again we met at six. At seven we held a short street meeting. At 7:30 preaching services. Pres. Ellsworth and Sec. Fox took up most of the time. After this we held another Priesthood meeting at which we received our assignments.

Elder Clements & I were assigned to Aurora, Elders Pyrah & Stocker to Bloomington.

Elders Sylvester and Farr to
 Peoria and Elders Hudson,
 Nielser, Empey, Hatch, Waymar,
 Christensen, Cannon and Stevenson
 in the country. Elders Stocker
 Hatch and I had lunch after
 meeting

Sunday May 2

I went to Elders Pyrah
 and Hatch's room to get
 shaved before Sunday school.
 After Sunday school we attended
 the preaching service. Elder
 Waymar and I went home with
 Sister Brock for dinner. At five
 o'clock we were to a baptismal
 service at which Elders Pyrah
 and Hatch baptized three each.
 At night meeting Elders Pyrah,
 Hatch, Warnock, Sylvester, Empey,
 and I confirmed one each. I got
 my turn at preaching. Elders
 Stocker, Hatch and I went after a
 dish of ice cream and when we
 got to the room we decided
 we didn't want to go to bed
 so Elder Hatch and I went
 back up town. We saw
 Els. Warnock, Pyrah and
 Sylvester in a candy store so
 went in and sat down at
 a table near them. They came

Confirmed Clarence Chambers

over and Elder Warnock set them up, then I took a turn. After this we went home.

Monday May 3.

We held a Priesthood meeting at 8:30 at which Elder Warnock gave final instructions to the country Elders. Then we all went up to the court house and got had our picture taken a few times with Elder Cannons' Kodak. The country Elders left shortly after noon. In the evening Elders Pyrah, Stocher, Clements and I went to the Majestic Theatre.

Tuesday May 4

We (Elder Clem. & I) were going to return to Aurora that morning and Elder Warnock wanted to see us before leaving so we went to Elder Pyrah's room but he wasn't there. Just before we got to the depot Elder Warnock caught us on train pulled out at 8:30. After reaching Aurora we found a new room at 238 New York St. and moved our belonging to it. In the evening we visited Sis. Pierel and Bro. McFarland had a

fine time.

Wednesday May 5

Straightened our ~~things~~ things around and took a bath in the morning. In the afternoon we called on Mrs. Moore but she wasn't home. In the evening we visited Bro. and Sis. Reynolds. They feel well in being members of the church and are trying to do what is right. We had a fine time with them and sang songs and prayed.

Thursday May 6

Went out for the purpose of tracing but that we would get a mailing tube and send to Elder Pyrah to ship our pictures to us in. It took us quite a while to find one so didn't trace. We priced the rocking chair so we could get one for Mrs. Giles in place of the one we broke about two o'clock. I went up to Sis. Reynolds and pressed my ties. We then visited Mrs. Moore. In the evening we went to visit Crothers but they had company. It rained on us while we were coming home.

Friday May 7.

We didn't work in the day time. In the evening we visited Mr. + Mrs. Cherry. He again tried to explain a few of his peculiar ideas.

Saturday May 8.

I wrote to Pres. Warnock and made out my reports in the morning. In the afternoon I washed my head and studied. In the evening we didn't hold a street meeting because it was too cold. I bathed and studied.

Sunday May 9

I wrote a letter home and studied in the forenoon. In the afternoon Elder Clements and I visited Bro. + Sister Reynolds. Studied again in the evening.

Monday May 10

Elder Clements and I went out together, but it was wash day so we didn't meet with much success. In the afternoon we went to the Grand and saw "Far, Far" in motion pictures. We visited Mrs. Moore and

grandson in the evening
and had a fine time.

Tuesday May 11.

About one o'clock in the morning I was awakened by loud yells of some man. Got up to see what it was and noticed it was a man in the house just across from where we live. His room was on the level with ours and only a drive between. His blinds were up and the light on. He was lying in bed and yelling like a mad man. I awoke Elder Clements and we decided he was crazy from his actions. In about fifteen minutes the police ambulance came up and took him to the hospital. Tues. morning we learned from the paper that he was crazy. Had gone crazy that night.

We hunted for a hall all day but were unsuccessful in finding one. In the evening we called on Sister Kiesel & Bro. Mc Goor and they took us over to their neighbors. We had a nice time singing and eating

lunch. Sister Kiesel said she would tell us the next time we visited her whether she would be baptized or not.

Wednesday May 12.

We again started to hunt for a hall. First we visited Mr. Villenburg but his hall was occupied. He referred us to Mr. Klier who promised us his hall at \$1.75 per week or Sunday. The hall is located on the corner of Fox and Water street. In the afternoon we visited friends. Visited Mr. & Mrs. Larson in the evening and had a fine time.

Thursday May 13

Elder Clements tracted with me and we had a pretty good time. We went out together in the afternoon but noticed company going to the place we were going to visit so didn't go in. In the evening we visited Bro. & Sis. Reynolds and had a fine time. Upon our return home Virian played a tune or two on the piano for us. Mrs. Drake has been away for a couple of

days and Vivian has been taking care of the house

Friday May 14

We visited a lady on the West side. After we got thru work we went to the library untill dinner time. In the afternoon I did a little drop tracting. It rained a little. We didn't have a place to visit so we went down town in the evening.

Sat. May 15

Made out reports and wrote letters most of the morning. Spent a little time singing with Mrs. Drake while she played. Made arrangements to board with her. In the afternoon we went down town and took up the stay. When we came out we noticed it had been raining quite well hard. Soon after we got home after supper another large storm came up. Was too wet for st. meeting so we remained home.

Sunday May 16.

We started to board with Mrs. Drake. In the afternoon Elder Clements and I held a

meeting in our newly rented hall. Sis. Kiesel, Miss Miles, Bro. & Sis. Reynolds, Bro. Reynolds' mother & sister & Bro. Reynolds' children were present. We had a pretty good time. In the evening we stayed home and wrote letters.

Monday May 17

We hunted one of Elder Stockers friends to see if we could get a night call. About one forty Elder Warnock came. I took him out to visit a friend. Then took him to see the hall. I visited Bro. & Sis. Reynolds in the evening and had a nice time with them.

Tuesday May 18

It was cold and raining. About 9 o'clock Ray Reynolds came and told us his mother wanted us to administer to her baby as it was sick. She had been up all night with it. We went and did so. In the afternoon I revisited a few friends. Elder Warnock & I visited Sis. Kiesel and Bro. Wm. Gorr in the evening and explained the difference between our church and the Reorganize Church. Sis.

Kierul had some fine pop-corn balls for us.

Wednesday May 19

Elder Warnock and I tracted together. Had a fine time in the afternoon. I visited Mrs. McNett and they got a haircut. We spent the evening singing songs with Mrs. Grabe and children.

Thursday May 20

Elder Warnock and I went to see about obtaining a permit to hold street meetings. Chief of Police referred us to the mayor but we were not successful in finding him. Had a print for stamp made so we could print on our literature facts concerning our Sunday meetings. In the afternoon we all took in Howes pictures at the U. S. Hall. El. Warnock and I called to visit Mrs. Moore and her grandson but they were not home.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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Schoeberlein Hall, 77 Fox Street

Sunday School 2 P.M. Preaching 3 P.M.

WELCOME NO COLLECTION

Friday May 21

I tracted in the forenoon with little success. Elder Clements and I went out to visit in the afternoon I stayed home in the evening.

Saturday May 22.

Indied bathed and one thing and another all day. In the evening we went down town to hold a street meeting but the police man said we couldn't until we obtained a permit from the chief. The chief said we could but to get a half block from Broadway, so we didn't hold one.

Sunday May 23.

Spent the forenoon studying and writing. Held a hall meeting in the afternoon. Had a fine time. A reporter from the Beacon was present also two students from the Advent College who are studying for the Ministry. Visited Bro. & Sister Reynolds in the evening.

Monday May 24

Elder Clements and I worked together in the forenoon. Went alone in the afternoon. Didn't go out in the evening.

Tuesday May 25.

Rained in the morning so we couldn't tract. I roped tracted in the afternoon. After supper we were out in the yard playing ball where Elders Emory and Sylvester came up. They sure looked down hearted. Had been raining all the time they were in the country. Elder Sylvester, Warnock & I visited Sister Kiesel & father and mother.

Wednesday May 26

Elder Warnock and I spent two hours talking baptism to Sister Kiesel & her father. Sister Kiesel promised to be baptized the following Sunday. Mr. McGoer promised to study. Elder Sylvester went out with me in the even afternoon. Elders Emory, Sylvester and I visited the Miller family in the evening. Had fine time. Sister Kiesel was there and said she would like to wait until we had

a few more ready for baptism

Thursday May 27.

Elders Warnock, Clements Emrey Sylvester & I had our picture taken on the corner where we hold street meeting. Elders Emrey & Sylvester left for the country at eleven o'clock.

Elder Warnock and I went to Batavia on the 2 o'clock car to visit sis. Reynolds' mother & step-mother. mother-in-law.

Mr. Castner came home drunker than a goat and played the part of a fool all day. We had dinner at Mrs. Castner's place. Spent the evening at the home of Mrs. Reynolds. Got home at about 10:30.

Sunday May 28 30

We went to Hards Island in the morning & took a picture. Then took one of Mrs. Drake and her family, one of Elders Warnock, Clements & I and one of Ferry, Fenton & I. Held Sunday School & meeting in the afternoon. A Reorganite Elder was there and tried to raise a disturbance but failed. We had supper with

Bro. & Sister Reynolds.

Monday May 31

The celebrated Decoration Day
so we didnt work. In the after-
noon we went to the Fox Studied
in the evening.

Tuesday June 1

Elder Clements and I went to
Joliet on the 8:30 car Distributed
six hundred tracts and at
eleven oclock went thru the
penitentiary. Was quite a sight.
Came back in the afternoon and visited
Sis. Kiesel in the evening. Elder
Wippen of the Reorganize Church
was there and we had quite
an argument.

Wednesday June 2.

Visited Sister Reynolds to see
what success Elder Wippen
had. While there Elder Wippen
came and we told him a few
things. All he wanted to do
was argue so we left. He
made Sister Reynolds a little
out of patience with him and
Bro. Reynolds said he would
not have him around there.
We visited them again and
explained things. Elder Wippen
told them such as Blood Atonement
polygamy.

Thursday June 3

Watched them start filling a stone quarry on S. Broadway in the forenoon. In the afternoon we went out to Sister Kierel's and had a fine talk with them. Sister Reynolds was there. Sister Kierel promised to be baptized. Elder Whipper had left an article he was going to have published in the Beacon with Bro. Mc Gowan, so they let us read it. It was foolishness. Took a book up and read the Manifesto to them. In the evening we visited Mr. & Mrs. Harner and had a fine little time with them.

Friday June 4

Did some drop tracting. In the evening we visited Mrs. Miles and family. Had a nice time with them.

Saturday June 5

Studied, pressed clothes and wrote letter all day. In the evening we went to Sister Kierel's where they were giving a party in Elder Clement's. The friends & Saints gave him a nice little Bible. We had a fine time.

Sunday June 6

It was fast day so we ate neither breakfast or dinner. Held Sunday School meeting in the afternoon. After we got thru preaching we turned the time over to the congregation for testimony bearing. It was a spiritual feast to hear the friends and saints bear their testimonies. Had supper and visited with Bro & Sister Reynolds.

Monday June 7

Elder Clements left for Chicago at 9:15. He was en route home. It rained so I couldn't work. In the evening Tutor and I went out to the carnival and spent a half hour. We then took in a picture show.

Tuesday June 8

Visited Sister Reynolds in the morning. In the afternoon I went to a show. About 7:30 as I was going out to visit I met Elder Hatch who had been sent to labor with me. We visited Sister Kiesel and Bro. M. E. Poor. Had a fine time. They gave us some pie and cake before leaving.

Wednesday June 9

We walked down to the old quarry the C. B. & F. is filling and watched a little while then went to get permission to use the house on the island for dressing at the baptismal service.

Thursday June 10 and Friday June 11 we did our usual work. Friday we found the lady who had charge of Hurd's Island and got the key to the house from her.

Saturday June 12
Elder Hatch and I took our baths, wrote letters ect. and cleaned the house on the island. Elder Wurnock arrived about 7:30. We all then went to Sister Kiesel's and had a good time.

Sunday June 13
At 10:30 we were at the river ready to hold a baptismal service. We sang ~~Low on~~ the Water Lo on the Water's Brink we stand, offered prayer and I then baptized Sister Kiesel and Roy Reynolds. Baptized Roy first and took him in the swift water. It took him off his feet and he

couldn't get down untill I got a hold of his legs and pushed them & down. These two baptisms make seven for me.

We confirmed Sister Kiesel in the afternoon at meetings. Roy was sick and couldn't come down to meeting. He was sick before he was baptized but wanted to be bap anyway. Elder Hatch and I had supper at Sister Kiesel's. Elder Hatch went to Peoria directly after meeting.

Monday 14 Tuesday 15 Wed. 16
Thursday 17.

Monday Elder Hatch and I confirmed Roy. Reynolds' were quarantined for measles on the 14th. They baptized four in Peoria on 14th. Elder Hatch and I did what work the weather would permit.

Friday June 18th

Elders Empey and Stevenson ~~arr~~ arrived in Aurora in the morning after spending two weeks walking from Freeport down. Didn't do much that day.

Saturday June 19.

We studied and made out reports in the forenoon. In the afternoon we went to a show. Rained too hard at night to hold a street meeting.

Sunday June 20.

We held Sunday School and preaching in the afternoon. Elders Empey and Stevenson did the preaching. We spent the evening walking around.

Monday June 21.

Elder Empey and I tracted together. Didn't have a very good time. Elder Hatch and I visited a friend in the afternoon. Empey and I called on Mrs. Moore but she wasn't home.

Tuesday June 22.

Elder Stevenson went tracting with me and we had a fine time. Met a lady who had kept the Elders in Michigan a time or two. In the evening Elders Empey, Hatch and I visited Sister Kierel. We get recreation in playing croquet each day now. It is great fun for a change as well as exercise.

Wednesday June 23.

Elder Empey and I again
traced to-gether with little
success. We attended a band
concert given in Lincoln Park,
in the evening.

Thursday June 24.

Elder Empey traced with
me again. Had pretty good
time. Met a Reorganite and
made an appointment with
her. Elder Hatch and I went
to-gether in the afternoon.
In the evening Elders Stevenson
and I called on Bro. & his. Smiley
but Bro. Smiley wasn't there.

The week from June 25th to
July 2 was spent in work.

July 3 (Saturday)

We all went to Chicago in
the morning. In the afternoon
we attended a baptismal
service at which six were
baptized. Elder Bower (Ch. Cor. Pres.)
called on me to be first speaker.
We helped them hold street
meeting in the evening.

Sunday July 4.

Attended meetings at Logan
Square. Elder Hatch was called
up to talk in the evening.

Monday July 5th

The Chicago saints met at Humboldt Park to celebrate the Fourth of July. We played games, my races & so forth. Had a fine lunch. In the evening Elders Hatch Empey and I went to Riverview Park and took a sensational ride on the Derby. Had a nice time.

Tuesday July 6

We made a trip to the office, went to a show and then came home. Started to rain as soon as we arrived here & kept it up all night.

Wednesday July 7.

Rained all day so we could not work. In the evening we visited Bro. & Sis. Reynolds.

Thursday July 8

I tracted with Elder Stenzer & we had a fine time. Went to see about the hall in the afternoon. Elder Empey and I visited Sister Kiesel & Bro. Mc Goo in the evening & had a nice time.

Friday July 9.

I did some revisiting in the forenoon. Elder Empey and I visited in the afternoon. Elder

Hatch and I called at Mrs. Moore's but she wasn't home.
Saturday July 10.

Spent the day as usual, studying writing and cleaning up. They had brick pilled on our street corner so we didn't hold a meeting.

Sunday July 11.

We held meeting at Bro. & Sister Reynolds'. Elder Empey conducted. I talked on the praying and fasting. Elder Empey and I walked around town a little in the evening and I wrote a letter home.

Monday July 12.

Had pretty good time tract-ing. Met some good people. Visited Halverys in the afternoon. Elder Steverson and I called upon Mr. & Mrs. Harper but they were very busy.

Tuesday July 13.

Elder Empey bought a new Panama hat and I took his picture in the morning. In the evening Elders Hatch and Empey visited Cherry and El. Steverson and I visited Harpers.

Wednesday July 14.

Tracted in the morning and visited in the afternoon. Elder Hatch and I visited Mrs. Moore in the evening.

Thursday July 15.

Elder Empey and I did some drop tract. Elder Hatch and I hunted a hall in the afternoon and Elder Stevenson & I visited Sir Kiesel in the evening. We received a letter from Warrick telling Elder Hatch and I to go to the country on the 17th. We were to go to Sugar Grove and get a hall to hold meetings in for a week, then returning to Aurora and Empey and Stevenson are ~~to~~ ^{then to} go in an opposite direction to what we did.

Friday July 16.

Elder Empey and I spent the day hunting a hall. Empey and Stevenson went to Reynolds in the evening.

Sat. July 17.

Located and bargained for a nice little hall.

Revisited some and folded tracts. Did work which Sat. brings around such as writing letters pressing ~~clothes~~ ^{etc}

Sunday July 13

Held churchhood meeting and had pretty nice time. Held cottage meeting in the afternoon. Sister Kinsel was the only one present. Emory and I called on Reynolds to see what was wrong. We talked with Timar a little on the Bible before going to bed.

Sunday July 14

Monday July 14

Elder Hatch and I left for the country at 10 A.M. Rode to the outer edge of town on the car.

About 11:30 we started asking for dinner. Asked several places before we found anyone willing to give it to us. It was a lady from Southern Ill. who was liberal enough to help us. Upon reaching Sugar Grove we tried to get a place to hold meetings and we told we couldn't find out until morning. We then started to the country to find a place which we found about two and one half miles from town. Had supper and talked a while with the people before going to bed.

Tuesday July 20.

Started out at 7 o'clock after eating breakfast with the people who entertained us. The man of the house was Mr. John Gunderson. Sold a few books that morning. Walked over back to Sugar Grove and couldn't find the man who was to let us know about the school-house so tracked the city and started for Big Rock. Found a family about a mile out who gave us a fine dinner. Upon reaching Big Rock we obtained permission to use the town hall the following evening. We again went into the country to find a bed which we found about two miles out. Stayed with a newly married couple. Had a good talk with them before going to bed.

Wednesday July 21.

After breakfast we tracked to Little Rock and from there we took another road back to Big Rock. At noon we were about half way back. We only had to ask once for dinner. The people we ate with were related to Arthur H. Lund. We tracked

Big Rock and told them we were going to hold a meeting. Got bad treatment. We got the hall prepared about 6 o'clock and at 6:30 it started to rain and certainly rained hard. There was a train going then there at 6:40 and thinking people wouldn't come out in the rain we took the train and went to Aurora. There was no one home when we reached there so we took globe out of the socket and lay on the bed. Had good laugh at Elders Stevens and Emery while they were trying to turn it the light on.

Thursday July 22.

Elder Hatch and I left for the country. Didn't meet with much success in the morning. A Harmon family gave us dinner and it was a dandy. They had just got there so fixed for us and left us in the room alone to eat a large turkey dinner. The turkey was cooked in milk and we had new potatoes boiled. We ate all we possibly could and there was a great amount left.

We walked to Batavia and obtained permission to hold a street meeting. We then got supper and went out to hold our meeting but owing to a Phantom which was in town there was not enough of the street. We then took the wire clock car and went to Aurora.

Friday July 23.

Stayed in Aurora and worked in the forenoon. In the afternoon Elder Empey and I went to Batavia where we distributed some tracts and then went down and had supper with Sister Reynolds' mother & stopped there - 7:15 - 8:15 - 9:15 - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15. We had a very pleasant and unobtrusive. Was sure good.

About 8 o'clock we were up town to hold a St. meeting but there were not enough people again so we to walked around until nine o'clock when we took the car for Aurora.

Saturday July 24.

Elder Hatch left for Freeport as he received a letter transferring him the day before. Elder Empey and I removed our church signs from Shollier Hall

At the L. O. G. F. Hall in the
Dunsmuir Block on W. River St.
Went to a picture show in the
evening.

Sunday July 25.

Wrote letters & studied in
the morning. Held our meetings
in the L. O. G. F. Hall. Elder
Empey and I talked. Had
supper with Bro. & Sis. Reynolds.

Monday July 26

Elders Stevenson and Empey
started for the country. Walked
from here to Oswego where
they held a street meeting and
then caught a car back.
I did drop tracting all day.

Tuesday July 27

Rained so the Elders
couldn't go to the country. We
did what drop tracting we
could. Elder Stevenson and I
visited Sis. Kiesel and Bro.
McGow in the evening.

Wednesday July 28.

Rained again so we did
some drop tracting. Didn't
make a night visit.

Thursday July 29

Still raining but not so
much. Were permitted to do
more work. We visited Bro. &

Sir Reynolds in the evening.

Friday July 30

Didn't rain so we were able to get out quite a few tracts. Roy Reynolds helped me a while in the afternoon. Elders Emrey & Steverson visited Mrs. Moore and her grandson while I visited Mr. & Mrs. Harper.

Saturday July 31

We tracted an hour in the morning and spent the rest of the day writing & cleaning up. Went to the Fox and saw the "Isle of Regeneration" in pictures.

Sunday July

Sunday August 1.

Being the first day Sunday of the month it was fast day. Wrote letters and studied until meeting time. No one came out for meeting not even the saints so we did hold a meeting. Were ready for supper when time came. Elder Emrey and I visited Reynolds for an hour. Studied in the evening.

Monday Aug. 2.

Elders Empey and Stevenson started for the country again. I did drop tracting all day. Distributed 4.15. Had a talk with Mr. Swank on different subjects. Finally I managed to get the end Mr. Hollard to answering & had good time listening to them. Went to bed but was awakened about 1.45 by Elders Empey & Stevenson who had come in because of rain.

Tuesday August 3.

Still raining so they save their trip up for the night. We drop tracted what little we could. It was too rainy to go out at night.

Wednesday Aug. 4.

Rained all day so we were unable to work. Spent the time writing & reading.

Thursday Aug. 5.

Weather was pretty good so we drop tracted. I gave out 5.00. We all visited Sister Russell in the evening. She seemed to be feeling pretty good.

Sunday Aug. 6.

Another fine day so we worked in the morning and went to the Palace Theatre in the afternoon to see the Charley Chaplin Imitators.

They were pretty good. When we went to dinner El. Stevenson wasn't there so we asked Mrs. Drake if he wasn't going to be home for dinner. She said he left word that he wouldn't be in for either dinner or supper which greatly surprised Elder Empey and I as he had said nothing to us. He came home just before supper but didn't eat. Asked where he had been and he tried to run the stuff that he was working. He had been visiting the saints. We all visited Bro. & Sis. Reynolds in the evening.

Saturday Aug 7

There was a big Republican Convention in Aurora, boosting Ford for Vice Pres. of the U. S. We walked down in the forenoon. In the afternoon we went down & heard several

senators & representatives also Mayor Thompson of Chicago. There was an exceptionally large crowd in town.

Sunday August 8
Studied and wrote letters in the forenoon. In the afternoon we went down to hold our Sunday meetings but no one came so we didn't hold one.

Monday Aug. 9 Tuesday Aug. 10,
Wed. Aug. 11 Thursday Aug. 12 and
Friday Aug. 13 were spent in
drop tracking. Elder Wainoch
came Thursday.

Saturday
Friday Aug. 14.

The morning was spent in
bathing, making out reports
etc. Rained in the afternoon.
Elders Wainoch & Emory & I
walked our tour in the
evening.

Saturday August

Sunday August 15

Wrote letters & studied in
the forenoon. In the afternoon
we held our meetings. Sister
Kierul & children were the only
ones present. After meeting we
took a walk up to High St.

Viaduct. While standing on the viaduct we heard music behind a Hungarian's home. We walked around where we could see & noticed a number of Hungarians seated. In a few minutes we saw two fellows go in with a cage of beer & they started it around the crowd. We asked a fellow what the occasion was & he said a funeral. A new one on us.

Monday August 16.

Elders Empey & Stevenson started for the country. Elder Wainock & I did quite a bit of trap tracking in the forenoon. Rained in the afternoon, in the evening we visited Sist. Friel & Bro. Mc Goo.

Tuesday Aug. 17.

Eld. Wainock & I took the sermon delivered by Dr. J. E. Lilmage at Cal., to the Berea to see if they would print it. We then had two cigar boxes cut down so we could put tracts in the waiting stations. Arrived home at about 10:15 & shortly after Eld. Empey & Stevenson came in from the country. I tracked

about an hour in the forenoon. El. Stevenson & I spent two hrs. tracking in afternoon. Took El. War. to visit Mrs. Moore in the evening but she wasn't home.

Wednesday August 18.

Drops tracked forenoon & afternoon. In the evening El. Warnock and I stayed home while Elders Stevenson & Empey visited Reynolds.

Thursday August 19.

Elder Stevenson got a letter from Mrs. Ellsworth telling him to go right in to the office. He left in the afternoon. I did drop tracking in the forenoon. Elders Warnock & Empey & myself visited Bro. & Sis. Reynolds.

Friday August 20.

We took a seven o'clock car for Elgin to see the National Road race. Upon arriving in Elgin we got breakfast & then went to the race track. There I took a picture of Elders Warnock & Empey standing by De Palma & his car. El. War. then took one of me standing by Barry Clifford & his car. Got nine o'clock. De Lloyd Sampson made a few loops the loops & other

in real stunts. The races started at 11 o'clock. The distance was 36 times around the 8 mile 2,530 ft track. (Oldfield, Barry), Ralph Depalma, Gil Anderson, Earl Cooper & seven others entered. Nine were there to take part. Cooper took first place going the entire distance in a little over four hours. Anderson came second with Oldfield third. Depalma was forced to abandon the race in his 21 laps because of engine trouble. It was a great race.

From Saturday August 21 to Saturday Aug. 28 inclusive very few things of interest happened.

Sunday Aug 29.

Studied in the morning. In the afternoon we held our hall meetings. I taught the small class. I was first speaker and talked on the personality of God. Elder Munnich followed me. Then Elder Empey. We spent the evening and had supper with Bro. & Sister Reynolds. Had good time.

By the way, on Aug. 17 Roy & Nell were nearly drowned. We administered to them and they got well. That is the full tale.

The next day I took a rest back & was pretty sick. Elder Empey and I stayed up with sis Reynolds Mrs. Whiney & Bro Reynolds' mother. Elder Empey slept most of the night in the rocking chair while the next day sat and talked. I felt better when we left.

Thursday we visited Mr. & Mrs. Carter at Britavia.

Monday August 30

I went and visited a friend or Smith St. & took a bath in the morning. In the afternoon Elder Empey and I went to see if we could continue to use the hall. We were told we could use it all winter.

Elder Warrnoch Empey and I went to the quarry to get a picture of the train but couldn't as they weren't working. In the evening we visited Mrs. Miles. Had nice time.

Tuesday August 31

Bought me a hat in the morning. Elder Warrnoch left at 2:30 P. M. for Chicago. Elder Empey and I took in a show in the afternoon. In the evening we visited sis. Thersel and

had a good talk with her. She had taught the Gospel to her cousin the day before & it strengthened her test testimony a great deal.

Wednesday Sept. 1.

Elder Empey, Fenton, Tiviar, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Andrews and I got up at 3:30 A.M. to see Barnum and Bailey circus come in and unload. Watched them all forenoon. Saw parade at twelve. Went to a show in the afternoon. In the evening we visited Bro. & Sis. Reynolds.

Thursday Sept. 2.

In the morning I visited an old man on Woodlawn Ave. Sold him a B. History. Drop tracted in the afternoon. One place I came to, three ladies were sitting on porch. After I had given the lady of the house a tract and reached the sidewalk she said they had enough Rays of Living Right in their house. I turned and went back & was successfull in relieving her of her bitter feeling. Talked with the ladies for about fifteen minutes & when I left they all

wanted a tract & said they were glad they had the talk with me telling me not to let a thing discourage me in my work.

Friday Sept. 3.

Tracted in the forenoon. In the afternoon I visited a lady on Smith St. We visited Mrs. Moore in the evening.

Saturday Sept. 4.

I received a letter from Elder Warrock proposing a plan to get my books. Also telling we would have a con. Sept. 24th 25th & 26th. His plan was to meet him at Kewanee and give him my books or the fifteenth then go thru the country from 10 con. That plan wouldn't work as I wouldn't get to see father who will be out about that time. We will have to arrange something else. We distributed tracts among the automobiles in the evening.

Sunday Sept. 5.

This was fast day so we didn't eat any breakfast or dinner. Sister Kierul is the only one who came out but we had

a good time. We had supper and spent the evening at sister's friends.

Monday, Sept. 6

It was Labor Day so we didn't work. Went to the Fox and saw "The Blindness of Virtue." It was a fine show.

Tuesday, Sept. 7

I went to the dentist in the morning and had a loose filling reset. In the afternoon Elder Empey and I did some drop tracting and called on Mrs. Rebel or Smith. Visited Bro. & Sig. Reynolds in the evening.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Didn't do anything in the morning. In the afternoon we did some drop tracting. Rained in the evening so we couldn't go out to visit.

Thursday, Sept. 9

I bought a pair of shoes in the morning. In the afternoon I tracted. In the evening visited sis. Kiesel & Bro. McLean. Bro. McLean seemed to be doing some strong thumping.

Friday Sept. 10.

Drop tracked in the morning. In the afternoon I went with Elder Empey to have his pictured taken. In the evening we didn't go out because of rain.

Saturday Sept. 11.

Studied in the morning and wrote letters to office & co-president. In the afternoon bathed and washed my head. We had been invited to join the saints in a party at his. Reynolds in the evening. Tracked the auto a little earlier than usual and went up to Reynolds but no one was to be found. We went down town and took in a show not thinking any party was to be held.

The reason of the misunderstanding is this. Sister Reynolds didn't think anyone would go on account of the weather so she and Bro. Rey. went down town. A number went but no one was home.

Sunday Sept. 12.

Studied in the forenoon. After dinner we went out in the hot sun and walked to dinner meeting. This made

my head ache and it continued all after noon. Had a pretty good meeting having three young men who were studying at the Christian Advent College for the ministry, present. Had quite a talk with them after meeting. About six o'clock we went to Reynolds and took a picture of the family. I took a sick headache while there and vomited while the rest were eating supper. Went home early and went to bed.

Monday, Sept 13.

Felt a great deal better in the morning so ate a light breakfast. Elder Empey packed his suitcase ready to go to Halesburg. In the afternoon I received a letter from mother but none from the office in answer to my request for a few days off while father and Jivins are out. We went over town to look at the property of Anna Empey's pasture then took some tracks to put in the C. & N. W. station.

About four o'clock I received a telegram from father. I then called up the office at

Chicago & talked with Pres. W. C. Paulson and President Ellsworth. They said for me to take all the time necessary for a good visit. I spent the rest of the day packing my trunk ready to leave next morning.

Tuesday, Sept. 14.

We left on the 11:30 A.M. train for Kewanee. Arrived at Kewanee about one o'clock. We first had dinner & then did some trading for a couple hours. I went to one place and put a tract on the porch and just as I got started away an old minister came out grabbed the tract and threw it at me. I turned around & smiled at him & he beat it. His wife was giving him a going over after he got in the house.

After distributing our tracts we started for Mr. Lamb. After we had traveled about eight blocks it started to rain. We got on a porch for a while. We hunted for the country road which leads to Mr. Lamb's home which is

three miles North of Kewanee.
 Upon not being able to find
 the road we went back to the
 heart of the city to start over.
 We found that we had gone
 in just the opposite direction
 to what we should have done.
 The reason for this was we
 started on a side street so
 as to get rid of a few tracts
 we had left. Not noticing
 where we went, we got
 turned around. Both turned
 the same way.

When we got back to the
 center of the city we took
 the road we knew was
 right. It had rained quite a
 bit in the mean time so the
 roads were pretty muddy.
 After we had walked about
 a mile, a farmer came along
 in his auto and picked us
 up. We went with Bro Lumb
 who was returning home from
 work in his auto. We rode
 the rest of the way with them.
 Had a good talk with them
 in the forenoon.

Wednesday Sept. 25.

We arose after a good night's
 sleep. After we had breakfast

and take a picture of Bro. Lamb's team, himself, wife and baby, Emma, Bro. Lamb took us to tour in his wagon and we caught our train for Salisbury.

We arrived about noon and had dinner before hunting the Excess room. Didn't find much trouble finding it. Elder Wainoch was there and all we Elders got it into our heads that his wife was coming that afternoon. Elders Waymar, Empey & I had Kodaks so we were going to get a picture of the meeting. The train we thought was about to come in was late at 3:40. El. Waymar and I visited a friend & then hurried to the depot. We stayed back so El. Wainoch wouldn't see us. When the train came we hurried and joined Els. Empey and Waymar who were behind El. Wainoch with their Kodaks. El. Wainoch marched around acting as if he was looking for his wife. We followed him around for about five or ten minutes. People were watching in the house

some big man was coming
and we were going to get a
picture of him. After El. Warnock
had finished his big joke he
said "Well let's go home boys".
We were certainly dumbfounded.
He told us she wasn't coming
until the next morning at 3:00.

On our way out to Lindbloom's
I held a B. of M. class. El. Empey,
Waymar and I stopped to see
Mrs. Stromsted & Mrs. Wilson &
Doe. It was great to see them
once more. Mrs. Stromsted almost
chose my head off. It had been
nearly nine months since I
last saw them.

We were also glad to see L. Birt-
Bloom and family. B. O. Lindbloom
was at work so I didn't get to see
him. Had a fine B. of M. class. El.
Empey & I were called upon to talk
after the class was over.

We then went four towns and
took in a show at El. Waymar's
expense. I then took all to ice-
cream. It was agreed that El.
Empey, Waymar & I were to leave
because of the joke we had told
El. Warnock & I decided to
stay up all night in his
wife and my father's house.

coming out would be in
the next morning.

Thursday Sept. 7. 16

Having got tired sitting around
in the room we (El. Wm. & I)
left about one P.M. & went to
the depot and met one of the
telegraph operators who stayed
where the E.R. did company.
A little after two we went
to the ice plant which is just
across the tracks from the
depot & learned how they make
ice.

When the train with Elder
Winnock's wife came in he
was all excited. When she
alighted they embraced me another.
He brought her over to where I
was and gave me an introduction
to her. He was so excited &
happy that his voice trembled
as he said, El. Cummings this
is my wife. I carried two of their
suit cases to their room and
they went back by next
train & Timmer. It was certain-
ly great to see them again.
We talked in the room
for quite awhile & then slept
a little.

After we had eaten breakfast

Breakfast we went to Mrs. Stronstedt & then to Lindblom's. Father, Tiviar & I caught a train for Chi. shortly after dinner. It was nine o'clock before we got a room at Miss Dunn's or W. Adams 1138. Were tired so went right to bed.

Friday Sept. 18. 17

We were tired so didn't get up until about eight o'clock. We then went up town & took in a few sights. Went to Lincoln Park, Marshall Field store, Masonic Temple, to Clark St. where the Eastland went down. We took a boat from the loop to Lincoln Park. Not a little tired, walking around in the afternoon so we went to the Hippodrome. One of the features was trained rats & cats. They worked together.

Saturday Sept. 18

Went to Sears & Roebuck's and got presents for the folks at home. Then we went to Marshall Field's store and bought Tiviar a suit. Went out on the lake front & id the Chicago Art Institute, City Library & a few different places. The pictures entitled, "The Birth of a Nation" were on at the Majestic Theatre so we went to buy some

tickets for the evening. We couldn't get any for less than two dollars each as all the rest were taken but we decided to take them as it would probably be our last chance to see it. We went in the evening and it was great. Well worth the money. It took the story of the U. S. from the elections of Lincoln down to several years after when the Klu Klux Klan put down the revolt of the negroes.

Sunday Sept. 19.

When we got up Miss Dunn, told us Dr. Hill had been there after us. They now live just two blocks from us on Adams than Miss Dunn instead of out at Austin. Father went down and saw them. They wanted to take us around in their auto. We rode around the boulevards for several hours. We also visited the Garfield Park conservatory, Field Museum the largest in the world which is at Jackson Park. Drove down Whinnigar Ave. and out on the Lake Shore drive to Lincoln Park.

We took a train at 5:30

for Aurora. Went up to visit
Bro. and sister Reynolds but
they weren't home. We stayed
at Mrs. Drabben.

Monday Sept 21.

After breakfast we visited
sister Reynolds. Bro. Reynolds
wasn't home. We then hired
an auto at Coats Garage and
went out to sister Kierl's, also
drove around the city a little.
Caught the 11:53 train for
Galzburg. Father and I went
out to see Bro. Lindbloom
but he wasn't home. All of
the Elders in Galzburg (Dr.
Empsey, Waymar, Hudson & 2)
and father & Vivian went to
the Brethren Colliseum and
saw a spectacle.

Tuesday Sept. 21.

Father & Vivian left on the 6:45
a. m. for home. I didn't like to
part with them but still it
wasn't bad as I knew it had
to be done. There were no trans-
fers. El. Empsey and I left on
the 10:30 a. m. for Lima. Upon
reaching there we were in-
formed that we were to rent
a room & we found one at
the Franklin Hotel El Empsey.

knew the landlady having
roomed at her place while
laboring in Florida. Nothing
to do in the evening so we
took in the Orypheus.

Wednesday Sept. 22.

Elders Emrey, Romney & I went
to the Union Church in the morning.
They have some good ideas & are
a sociable set of people. Every one
there was well dressed. We then
went on to Bro. & Sis. Mathis & all
A. Hancock & wife. Went to dinner with
them. We were going to go then
the distillery & were to meet Sisters
Pearce & Chambers & El. Frank at
a certain corner. El. Hancock said
it was to be at 3:00 p.m. so we were
there and waited quite a while but
they didn't come. They understood
it to be 4:00 p.m. so we missed
them thus missing our trips thru
the distillery. In the evening we
attended a Bible Class at Bro. &
Sister Willard's. Had a good
class.

Thursday Sept. 23.

Didn't do much in the
fore noon. At noon we met
Elders Hatch and Nielsen
who came in Wed. Evening
from Freeport. In the after-

now Eld. Romney, Hatch, Emery, Nielsen & I went to the Lyceum. Didn't have anything to do in the evening. Elder Emery and I ate supper at Sister Gilmore's after which the Sisters Pearson & Hummer called but well we all, including Sister Gilmore went to Willards for the Bible Class.

Friday Sept. 24.

We met in our first Con. meeting at Bro. & Sis. Mathis' at 10:00 A.M. It was a priesthood meeting for the missionaries. All the missionaries gave a short talk on a subject previously assigned. Ther. Sect. Paulson gave us a "raking over the coal." His first statement was to the effect that we were "pretty, timber". It hit us right so we couldn't deny.

We met again at 1:30 P.M. Ther. Sect. Paulson gave us some valuable instructions. In the evening there was a public meeting in the hall. Pres. Ellsworth arrived in time for this and gave a wonderful talk. We convened in priesthood meeting directly after the public meeting. Pres. Ellsworth gave some fine instructions & suggestions as usual.

86 H. L. L. Warmoth was released & Byron H.
Miller sustained as Cor. juror in his stead
in Fri. night court. His passion was ^{heard}

Saturday Sept. 25.

Met again in a Priesthood meeting in the morning. Met in the afternoon & had a lesson in our alleg. In the evening there was a public meeting in the hall. I was called upon to speak.

Sunday Sept.

We received our assignments in the afternoon. El. Empey and I were to return to Aurora. Elr. Romney & Hatch were to work in Peoria, also Sisters Pearson & Hipps. Elr. French & Utcher or Remington also Sisters Shumway & Wintch. Elr. Hudson & Nelson were to go to Milledburg. Elder Lynch & Wayman were transferred to East Iowa to our great surprise.

Sunday Sept. 26.

Attended Sunday School & meeting in the forenoon. Elr. Empey, Warmoth & wife & I ate dinner at Sister Mathis'. Late in the afternoon El. Empey & I went down to his shop. Stayed for supper. Miss Lee Luchner gave me a cushion cover made by her, as a token of remembrance for Golden - burs. Had a fine evening

meeting Monday Sept. 27

All of the missionaries were to meet at Mr. Gilmore's for dinner. El. Emery & I were late getting breakfast so we got our laundry from The Chinaman's Laundry. As we were leaving our room we saw Els. Miller & Hatch turn a corner a little beyond on their way to Mr. Gilmore's. I told Elder Emery I would take the laundry in & for him to catch them & wait. It took him so long to catch them that they were out of sight before I got back. I didn't have Gilmore's address so didn't know which way to go. I decided to go to El. Renney's room & go with them but they were gone when I reached there, so I went to Mr. Mathis & found El. Winock & wife nearly ready to go so I went with them. Had a fine dinner after which Els. Winock & Emery, Mr. Winock, Giffis & Wintok & I went to the Western Artillery Co. to go there but were refused permission. We then went to Sister Snow's & had supper. From there Ed Willard & attended

the Farewell party given in
 honor of E. W. Birch & his
 family. We had a fine time.
 One of the games played was
 another lambs game. It was like
 this. They had six girls stand
 up behind six chairs, putting
 all but their feet & a few
 boys in the next room, not
 permitting them to see in.
 Then they would bring a boy
 from the next room, didn't
 know they were blind fold
 him & then tell him to sit
 down on one of the chairs. As
 soon as he would sit down
 a boy who was concealed be-
 hind the six girls would
 put his arms around the boy
 in the chair & kiss him, then
 hide again. The one in the
 chair would naturally think
 it was a girl kissed him
 & feel a little foolish, making
 great sport for the onlookers.
 This would continue untill
 all the boys in the next
 room had gone thru the
 mill. Then the boys would
 get behind the chairs &
 play the same game on
 the girls.

Tuesday Sept. 28

El. Emery left Peoria at 8:00 a.m. for Aurora. We took the Rock Island & Gallic where we visited the Saints planning to hold a meeting there on Oct. 10. First visited Bird and got permission from his wife Bird to meet at her home. Bro. Bird wasn't home at the time. We then called on the rest of the Saints notifying them of the meeting and then went back to Bird's. Bro. Bird was home at this time & told us we couldn't meet there. After reaching Aurora we sent a card to his wife asking permission to meet at her place. Mrs. Drake let us room out while we were gone so we were obliged to hunt another. Found one a little after dark which we took for a week. Visited Bro. & his wife Reynolds in the evening.

Wednesday Sept 29.

Saw about getting the hall again and one thing & another in the morning. In the afternoon we called on Mrs. Rebel & made an appointment to meet Mr. Rebel, Mon. Oct. 4. In the

evening we visited Sister
Kiesel & Mrs. M^c G^oor. The screen
door was all that was shut &
Bro. M^c G^oor uncurled the door
when we knocked. When he saw
who it was he pushed the door
open & grabbed me by the hand,
shook it until I thought it was
coming off and said, "How do
you do?" He told me I
was going to get transferred
while I am. Had a nice meal.

Thursday, Sept 30

We tracted together in Wood-
bury Ave. I had a good time. In-
quired about a literature box of mine
which had been taken out of the C. B. & G.
station, while we were gone. The officials
didn't like too many up, so took me
of mine door. Called to visit Mrs.
More & her grandson in the evening
but they weren't home.

Friday, Oct. 1.

Had another good time
tracting in the forenoon. In
the afternoon we went to call
on a friend of mine & saw the
man was undergoing repairs
so didn't stop. Visited Mr. &
Mrs. Harper in the evening.
Sung a song & prayed with
them.

Saturday Oct. 2.

Wrote letters, made out reports and so forth in the morning. In the afternoon we attended a foot ball game, between West Georgia High & DeKalb Normal. It was the first one I had ever seen and enjoyed it very much. Tracted the motor & went to a picture show in the evening.

Sunday Oct. 3.

Studied awhile in the morning & then took a stroll over the city. Sis. Kiesel & children, a cousin & Bro. Mc Geer were all who were out to meeting. Every-
the less we all had a good time. Didn't have anything to do in the evening, so walked down town and back.

Monday Oct. 4.

We tracted together again in the morning and had a fine time. Started soap tracting again. In the evening we visited Mr. & Mrs. Rebel a friend of mine living on Smith Street. Had a fine time with them.

Tuesday Oct. 5.

Having heard that a member of our church lived on Ogden Ave. I

While going home I saw a family in a house on the corner of the street. I turned
around so that I would have some fun with him.
92 I led him around two blocks two or three
times up & down the street. I told him that I had a good reason for going

decided to tract the Ave. & find
out. I did so & tracted every
house on the short ave. but one
and hadn't found the saint.
I knocked at the door of the last
house & when the lady answered
the door I told her I was a
missionary of the Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter Day saints. She
told me she was a member
of the church & invited me in.
I had a little talk with her
& found that she was a member
of our church. We then tracted
in the afternoon & in the evening
held a study class at Sister
Kiehl's. A neighbor family was
present. Redman by name. They
invited us to hold our next
meeting at their place.

Wednesday, Oct. 6.

I visited some people on
Woodlawn Ave. in the morning.
We again tracted in
the afternoon. Called to visit
Bro. & Sis. Reynolds in the
evening but Sis. Reynolds
was in Batavia. E. Whipper of
the Perogamites was holding
meetings there & she was
attending one. Had a good
time with Bro. Reynolds.

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enough. ^{1st} that we were going home all the time. I had quite a laugh at him.

Thursday Oct. 7
Started to tract but it was too cold so we called on Mr. Reynolds. We learned that Whipple was going to hold a baptismal service in Batavia Sat. Oct. 10. Her folks are working hard to get her to change. It was rather cold in the afternoon so we had to walk quite lively in order to keep warm, while drop tracting. Went to call on Mrs. Moore & grandson but they weren't home. We spent some time studying after reaching home.

Friday Oct. 8
I was too cold for tracting in the morning so we went to the City Library and studied. We drop tracted in the afternoon. In the evening we visited Mr. Hollingsworth our new saint or the saint we had just found. Had a pretty good talk with her husband. An Italian was there and told us about the Catholic Church and the conduct of the priests.

Saturday Oct. 9
I washed my head in the morning & studied some. Took a bath in the afternoon & walked

door to Sister Hollingworth's to get her full name and an account of her baptism but she wasn't home. Tracted the autos in the evening.

Sunday Oct. 10.

Elder Miller came to our room in the morning. He had arrived in Aurora in the night before but had stayed with his relatives. Didn't stay long but said he would be out to meeting. He had a fine meeting. Didn't have anything to do in the evening but walk around.

Monday Oct. 11

Elder Miller came up to our room before going to the train. We went to the depot to see him off. Then we went to Sister Hollingworth's to get her name address, date of baptism & so forth but she wasn't home. We drop tracted in the afternoon. Were going to try a new system in tracting which was drop tract with No. 8 Rays which discusses the B. of M., the following week go over it with story of the Discovery of the B. of M. and the next week make a house to house canvass with lectures on B. of M. and see if we couldn't get some B. of M. out. I selected South Lake St. to

try the experiment on so tracted
it with No. 8 Rays.

Visited Mr. & Mrs. Rebel in the
evening. Had a good time.

Tuesday Oct. 12.

Did regular tracting in the
morning & drop tracting in the
afternoon. After we got thru drop
tracting I walked down to Mr.
Hollingsworths & got the information
concerning her baptism I denied
I send to the office. Held a class
at Mr. & Mrs. Tedham's home
in the evening. Were quite tired
after our day of hard walking.

SUNDAY SERVICES

L. O. G. T. Hall Dinning Bldg. N. River St.

Sunday School 2:30 P. M. Preaching 5:30 P. M.

WELCOME NO COLLECTION

Wednesday Oct. 13.

Tracted in the morning but
most of the people weren't home.
In the afternoon we went to the
Fox & saw, "The White Sister". It
was a good show. Held a study
class at Bro. & Sister Reynolds
in the evening.

Thursday Oct. 14

Had a good time while tracting.
Met some good people and had
fine conversations. We visited Mrs.
Cherry in the afternoon. In the

evening we called on Mr. & Mrs. Hollingworth. Two Italians were there. Just before we left I showed them a puzzle a German - Jew shoemaker learned me in the afternoon, which is a story of the German Kaiser & Zar of Russia dreaming they were dead but were turned back from heaven to get a passport. Kaiser got one but the Zar didn't. Kaiser gave Zar part of his by cutting some off twice which when arranged on the table spells hell and leaves a cross (+) for the Kaiser. I used the King of Italy instead Zar and turned it so, the Kaiser got hell & the King of Italy the cross. It tickled the Italians as well as the rest. Mr. Hollingworth invited us down to dinner Sunday (a chicker dinner) so he could learn it.

Friday Oct. 15

Tracted on River St. in the morning and had a fine time. In the afternoon Elder Emsey and I called on Mrs. Cherry and found she was feeling better than for some time. I had a headache in the evening so we didn't go out to visit.

Saturday Oct. 16.

Distributed a few tracts in the morning. Saw the work train put the tender of a large Stocher engine on the track. The engine had jumped the track. In the afternoon Elder Empey and I went to the Fox.

Put tracts in the auto in the evening. Got a card from El. Hamrock saying he would go there Sunday, Sunday night at 12:15, or Monday 12:15 A.M. I was to meet him and get my notes.

Sunday Oct. 17.

Wrote letters until time to go to Hollingsworth's for dinner. Got rained on while going down. Arrived at 1:45 and they had had dinner. Sister Hollingsworth fixed us a bit. ~~Bro~~ Mr. Hollingsworth was drinking some. Stallions and birds of all denominations were there. If a person can get it well while living upon the earth we were there at that time.

Was raining all day so we didn't have many out to meeting. Bro. McFarr was the only one out. Dined on his O. T. and he did pretty good. El. Empey talked thirty five minutes and dealt with eight subjects.

I stayed up until El. Hamrock.

train was due while E. Empey slept. We met the train and had about five minutes to talk with H. Warrick & wife.

Monday Oct. 18

It was warm day so didn't have much success tracting. Visited Mrs. Moore and found her very sick. She told me she was going to Florida for the winter. Drop tracted Lake St. with the story of the Discovery of the B. of M. in the afternoon. We visited Mr. and Mrs. Rebel in the evening. They said they were going to leave for British Columbia about the coming Saturday.

Tuesday Oct. 19

Had my teeth cleaned in the morning by Dr. Moormor before tracting. We drop tracted in the afternoon. Held a class at Sister Kiehl's. Got a letter from Jowett Fortie telling me he had ~~never~~ been robbed and wanted to borrow \$10. He was in Chicago.

Wednesday Oct. 20.

Tracted in the morning and drop tracted in the afternoon. Held our study class at Bro. & Sis. Reynolds'. Mr. & Mrs. Easton & E. Wypper of the Reorganizers were there. Had a good class but as soon as it was over E. Wypper tried Easton.

an ~~and~~ argument on Polygamy by reading Ether 2:41. I told him we wouldn't argue but he kept on. Several times I told him the same thing. He was trying to prove that we still practiced it. I finally saw that he wouldn't stop. I told him that there was a time when people could be excused for believing the stories told on the Mormons but to-day with fast trains, telegraphs, telephones, fast mails etc., it was ignorance on the part of the one who claimed we practiced it. He then wanted to meet in a private home and discuss the question. I told him we would not discuss polygamy with him as he knew better. He is trying to turn B. S. & his Reynolds. To the Reorganizers but with God's help we will hinder him.

Thursday Oct. 21

We tracted an hour in the morning and then visited his Reynolds. Had a talk with her concerning the Reorganizers. In the after noon we drop tracted. I was tracting Ogden Ave. and came to a place where El. Wippen (Per.) was visiting. He had the lady in his private home. I was also a Per. I learned

after I got in. We again tried to start an argument but I wouldn't argue with him. He told me he was going to preach on the street corner so we were the to hear him and see if he ridiculed the Mormons. We didn't.

Friday Oct. 22

Tracted in the morning and re-tracted in the afternoon. Visited Mr. & Mrs. Harper in the evening after which we went to hear Whipper talk again.

Saturday Oct. 23.

Wrote letters & made out reports in the morning. In the afternoon we went to the Fox. Heard Whipper preach in the evening after which we tracted the autos.

Sunday Oct. 24.

Spent the forenoon studying. Held our meeting in the afternoon which was a pretty good one. Three Georgians were out and three other visitors. Spent the evening writing letters.

Monday Oct. 25.

Tracted in forenoon but with little success as it was wash-day and people didn't have time to talk. Drop tracted in the afternoon. Visited Hollingsworths

in the evening the conditions existing are not very favorable. Dirt and Italians are dominating features.

Tuesday Oct. 26.

Again I tracted with B. & M. Lecturer, with but little success. The people don't seem to want to talk. In the afternoon I called upon two of my newly made friends and had good talks with them. After this I drop-tracted. Had a nice visit with Sister Kiesel & Bro. Mc Goo in the evening.

Wednesday Oct. 27 D

Sunday Nov. 1 nothing of much importance occurred.

Sunday Nov 1

Was Fast Day so we had a good meeting. There was quite a crowd out. In the evening we attended a lecture entitled 'Mormonism: What is it?' to be delivered by El. Hipper of the Reformatory church. It was dry. I don't do much antagonizing for some reason or other. Elder Miller arrived Sat.

Monday Nov 5

Had a fine time while tracting. In the afternoon we drop tracted. In the evening El. Emery & I called to fulfill a new obligation.

I had made but the rear of the house wasn't near so we didn't stop.

Tuesday Nov. 9.

Had another good time while tracting. In the evening El. Miller and I went out to visit a friend but they weren't home so we did a little tracting. One place we went to a girl about seventeen years old answered. After we had gone she and her mother stood at the window watching us. They laughed and so did we. After we had visited about five houses and they were still looking and laughing. We walked back and were going in but decided not to. After we reached the walk that leads to the house. The last we could see they were looking and laughing. Held a meeting at the house in the evening.

Nothing in particular happened the rest of the week and on Thur. Nov. 14 we held our regular services.

Monday Nov. 15-

Received a card from El. Miller stating that El. Nielsen was transferred from our cov. to W. Iowa and I was to go to Halesburg to take his place El. Emery was

I receive a new cov. To labor with. I had been in Aurora just eleven months to the day. I wanted a change yet I hated to leave. I packed my trunk and visited the friends so I could leave Tuesday morning. Ate dinner at Sister Kiesel's. It was hard to say good by to Bro. McGoor & children. Sis. Kiesel & went to Bro. & Sis. Rupold's in the evening and we had a good little visit. Bade them all good by which was no easy task.

Tuesday Nov. 16.

Elder Pubeppher, who arrived mon., & I ate breakfast at Mrs. Stromsted's. After breakfast I said good by to Vivian, Tentor & Lerr as they were going to school and I wouldn't get to see them again. Mrs. Drabbe cried when she saw me bidding them farewell. My train was due at 11:33 so I went and said good by to Mrs. Drabbe on my way to the depot. She shook my hand like some good mother and between sobs said, "Mr. Cummings you are a boy I have enjoyed associating with and having

around my children. That sounded good to me. Upon arriving in Galerburg I found Elder Miller was waiting or money to go to W. Iowa so I got a room at Mrs. Stronsted's. We visited a family by the name of Tolley in the evening. Remained at Stronsted's untill Friday when El. Miller went to Haverport Iowa to visit some home boys.

Nothing of importance happened untill Thanksgiving when El. Hudson was called into Chicago to visit with his bro. & bro. in law. Late supper and visited with Whites. By name Murray, Carey, Mabel and Ruth.

Nov. 20, Sunday.

El. R. G. & R. Clarence Miller and I attended a marriage meeting in the Main Cafe directed by Mr. Tolter. We each bore our testimony and gave them a little Mormonism. They invited us to take charge of one of their meetings.

We continued with our work, meeting with success with no important occurrences untill December 11th when Bro. White took down with Typhoid fever. We administered to him and he

get letter. The 11th was a very
kind day. I turned 21.

Sunday Dec. 12, 1915.

We held our first hall meeting
in the Stromberg and Tenney Hall.
It was a stormy day so our
meeting was not the success we
thought it would be.

Nothing of importance
happened until Dec. 19.

Sunday Dec. 19.

Held our meetings in Stromberg
and Tenney Hall in the after-
noon. Didn't have much of a crowd.
Mrs. White invited us down there
for ~~supper~~ supper. Bro. White was
still sick so couldn't eat with
us. We stayed until about
5:30. Just after we reached home
Sister White called up and told
us Bro. White was worse and
asked us to come out. We went out and
sat up all night with him while
she slept.

Monday Dec. 20.

Bro. White was feeling better
in the morning so we went
home and slept until about 1 p.m.
We sat up with Bro. White again
that evening.

Tuesday 21

Ate breakfast at Whites before going home. We again slept until about 1 p.m. In the afternoon we went to court to hear the trial of "Nattie" (Colored) who was accused of the murder of Chief of Police Mathews. In the evening we again visited Whites. They gave each of us a neck-tie and handkerchief for Xmas. They were fine. We were planning on going to Peoria the following morning so they wished us to administer to Bro. White before we left.

Wednesday Dec 22

Elder Hudson and I caught the 10:30 train for Peoria. Upon arriving there we went to the Elders' room. They weren't there so we started out for dinner and met the Elders about a half block from their room. In the afternoon we all attended the Synagogue. In the evening we went to Mathis and popped pop-corn and strung it for the Xmas tree. There were Elders Hatch and Spencer and sisters Linton and Snuffer. After we had popped the corn we went to a nickel show.

Thursday Dec. 23.

Was the prophet Joseph Smith's birthday. ~~W~~ Helped the Elders prepare the hall for a Christmas party. In the evening we had a fine time. First there was a little program then Santa came and gave the presents out, we then played games, after which we had supper, then we spent some time in dancing, the first I had danced in twenty one months. After the party sister Shuffler and I washed the dishes while sister Linton, Elders ~~W~~ Spencer and Hudson cleaned the hall. Had a fine time at the dance.

Friday Dec. 24.

The Iowa missionaries were going to Bloomington for Xmas so we returned to Salisbury. He would have gone to Bloomington but it was short of money, in the evening we attended the "Birth of a Nation" at the auditorium. It was great.

Saturday Dec. 25.

The second Xmas I had spent in the mission field. Received several presents which were, a large box of stationery from Vivian, a white tie & black tie from and handkerchiefs from father and mother, two pound box of chocolates from

Add Everett, I My Father illustrated
 from Pres. Sumner E. Ellsworth, a
 fellowship book from Pres. R. G. Miller,
 a tie, handkerchief and pocket
 square set from Minnie Erickson, and
 a tie and handkerchief from the
 White family. Whites had us eat
 xmas dinner with them. Had
 a fine chicken dinner. Bro. White
 was feeling better. We spent
 the evening with Bro. & sister
 Lindblom & family eating pop-
 corn, chocolate and apples and
 playing games. Had a fine time.

Sunday Dec. 26.

Held our Sunday school and
 meeting in the after-noon. In the
 evening we attended a meeting at the
 Main Cafe. Mr Rathrop was
 there and bore his testimony. The
 gentleman who ~~to~~ preached tore
 Rathrop's testimony down which got
 at Rathrop's nerves so after the
 preacher was thru he got up
 and bore his testimony again
 and gave scripture to prove
 it.

Monday Dec. 27.

Not able to work much on
 account of holidays. Visited
 Whites in the afternoon. Bro.
 White was feeling much better.

In the evening we visited Tolleys. Had a good time singing songs and talking with them.

Tuesday Dec. 28.

Received several xmas presents in the morning mail. They were, two pairs of socks from Elisha and Pearl, a tie from Chase and Lillian, tie from Francis, six and one-half dollars from the second-ward Relief Society and a picture from Mrs. Drake. Visited Mr. & Mrs. Stevens in the evening. Mr. Stevens was going to lodge so we didn't stay.

Wednesday Dec. 29.

Wrote letters in the morning. In the afternoon we went to White's and stayed for supper. Held the B. & M. Class at Lindbloom's. After class we planned for a party to be held New Year's Night.

Thursday Dec. 31.

Received a letter from J. E. Thornton and Lizzie. They sent a dollar in it for a Christmas present. We visited Mrs. Stromsted in the afternoon. Didn't visit in the evening. Wrote diary and studied.

Friday Dec. 31

Visited with Drews about two hours and had dinner with them. In the evening we went to Whites and stayed the old year out and the new year in. Bro. White was sitting up. We made taffy and while pulling it I got two large blisters on my left hand, one on my thumb and one on my forefinger. At twelve we were eating sand-wiches, pie and cake. Whistles blew and guns were fired off to welcome the New Year. Went home soon after midnight.

Saturday Jan. 1, 1916.

It rained most of the day so we weren't able to do much. Went to a show in the afternoon. Went over to Whites and administered to Ruth who had a fever and then went to Lindbloom's to a party. Minnie had several of her friends there. We had a good time playing games, eating pop-corn, candy and apples.

Sunday Jan. 2

Was fast day so we didn't eat untill after meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were present

After supper we walked down to White and spent the evening. Bro. White was improving rapidly and Ruth was feeling better.

Monday Jan. 3.

Wrote letters in the morning. In the afternoon we went to the Society. About 5 p.m. Minnie called up to see if we would administer to her. Her mother is prejudiced so she said she would go up to Lindblooms. We spent the evening at Lindblooms and administered to Minnie while there.

Tuesday Jan. 4.

Visited Mrs. Matson and family on Brook St. in the afternoon. Drop traded a little. I wrote a letter to the New Second Ward Relief Society thanking them for the money they sent me Christmas. Studied in the evening.

Wednesday Jan. 5

Worked a little in the forenoon. Mrs. B. G. Miller came in about two p.m. we and Elder Judson visited together and I visited Mrs. Hamill. We held our B. of M. class at Lindblooms in the evening.

Thursday Jan. 6.

Elder Miller and I tracted together in the forenoon. Were invited in by a Mrs. Fred Nelson. She is a prison worker and told us of several of her most interesting experiences. Left a B. of M. with her. Again in the afternoon Elder Miller and I visited together & had a good time. We all visited Whites in the evening. Had good talk with them. They talked a great deal of being baptized.

Friday Jan. 7

Elders Hudson, Miller and I went to Monmouth in the morning. We had dinner at Attwells. Elder Hudson took ill after dinner so stayed there while Elder Miller and I went up town. We took a picture of the place where Joseph Smith was tried and went thru the Western Stone Works. In the evening we held a meeting at Weyers. I talked on the Holy Land. They gave me a dollar in payment of two song books which I had sold them in Oct. 1884. Returned home in the evening.

Saturday Jan. 8

Studied in the forenoon. In the afternoon we went to Whites and

administered to Bro. & Sis. White. Spent the evening and ate supper with Lindblooms. Elder Müller made some candy.

Sunday Jan. 9.

Elder Müller and I went to the Christian Church. They were going to dedicate the basement of their new building. A preacher from St. Louis preached and gave a good talk. After he got thru he began begging for funds to pay off expenses. They wanted to raise \$21,000 and they sure put forth the effort. If a person should have happened in not understanding the occasion tho he ~~or~~ would have thought he was in the Temple of Jerusalem immediately before Christ cleansed it. We held our meeting in the afternoon. In the evening we attended a meeting at the War Cafe and Elder Müller preached. We administered to Mabel in the evening.

Monday Jan. 10.

E. Müller and I traded together and had a pretty good time. Stormed in the afternoon so didn't go much. In the evening E. Müller & I visited Luttrells. Left at 9:15 so as to catch the car two blocks away.

We got about half way to the car line and we saw the car coming. I run as fast as possible and would have beat the car but run into a post with a mail box on. We missed the car and had to walk two miles home Tuesday Jan 11

Tracted and visited in the P.M. day, time and visited White in the evening. Mrs. White again told us of the family tragedy.

Wednesday Jan. 12.

It was snowing and blowing. Drove tracted in the morning. In the afternoon Elder Miller and I visited Nelsons, Morgans & Smiths. We then went to Drews for a while and then to the Universalist Ministers home but he was leaving so couldnt talk with us. From there we went to Lalleys facing the wind and snow all the way! It was the coldest yet. Elder Miller froze the top of his left ear and I froze the bottom of my right one. We went to Millers from there and had to wait an hour for a car to town. By the time we got supper it was too late to go to Lindblooms for the B. & M. class so we went to

Hamlin and spent the evening.

Thursday Jan. 13

Having received word that the No. 211. Car. & Chicago Car. would meet in Chicago or the 22nd Elder Waller left for Peoria in the morning. We didn't do much in the afternoon & evening but study.

Friday Jan. 14

El. Sudor was feeling bad in the morning. At noon we went to dinner but he couldn't eat much. After dinner he went to bed sick. White wanted me to come out and administer to Mrs. White & I did. Left their place so I could catch the 11:25 car. Got within about a block of it and it started. I ran about three blocks trying to catch it but failed. Met Lathrop and had a talk with him on my way home.

Saturday Jan. 15

El. Sudor still felt bad so stayed in bed. Received a telephone that Minnie wanted me to come go out and administer to her. Bot some oil and El. Sudor and I consecrated it. I was spokesman

Went out and administered to her in the day afternoon

Sunday Jan. 6.

I held Sunday ^{school} and meeting. Elder Hudson was still sick so couldn't help. Spent quite a bit of time talking to Mrs. Anderson and Miss Saddle. Gave them a B. of M. and loaned them one for a relative also let them take "The House of the Lord".

Monday Jan. 7.

Didn't do much work. Stayed with El. Hudson and talked to Anderson most of the time.

Tuesday Jan. 8.

Elder Hudson still sick; not improved any. We called a Dr. who gave him some medicine and advice. Said he wouldn't be able to go to Chicago unless he improved a great deal. Anderson had me stay and eat dinner with them had chicken.

Wednesday Jan. 9.

El. Hudson improved quite a bit and kept improving all day but by advice from Dr. refrained from eating. I held the B. of M. class in the evening and good talk after class.

Thursday Feb. Jan. 20

Visited in the morning. In the afternoon El. Hudson & I went to Whites and took a picture of Ruth. Visited awhile and said good by as I was going to Chicago the following day and didn't expect to return. The Dr. said El. Hudson was too weak to go so I decided to leave early as he was well enough to permit my going. Took a picture of Mr. & Mrs. Anderson, Miss Sadie, El. Hudson two gentlemen that were staying there and myself in the evening. Packed my trunk and prepared to leave at four A. M. the following morning.

Friday Jan. 21.

At 4 A. M. I started for Chicago on a C. B. & Q. train. Reached Aurora at 7 A. M. & spent a couple of hours there and then Els. Empey and Pulipher and went on to Chicago. When I left Mrs. Drake cried and said I was like one of her boys. El. Waller & the Peoria missionaries were going to reach Chi. at 11:20 so we were at the Union Station to meet them. El. Clarence Waller came to the station while we were waiting. Due to the heavy rains their train was delayed until 2:45 P. M. The whole land was

flooded which made all trains late. When we found that their train would be late we went up town and got dinner and then went to McTucker Theatre. Were back to the station when the peria missionaries arrived. All went to the office first and then El. Hatch and I went to W. Adams St. and got a room. In the evening there was a big party at the church. After the party El. Hatch and I went to the American Theatre which is near where we stayed. The show had started so they gave us a complimentary ticket.

Saturday Jan. 22.

We met in priesthood meeting at 9 A. M. There were over fifty Elders and Sisters present. At this meeting the missionaries had a chance to report. Elder James E. Talmage of the Council of Twelve was there the latter part of the meeting. Sister Linton pres. Miller and I reported from the No. 111. Cor. while El. Talmage was there. El. Talmage gave us a two hour talk which was full of valuable instructions. We met again at two and again at seven. Pres. Ellsworth gave us instructions in the evening. After the meeting El. Hatch, I, W. Anderson and a new El. & I went to

a show at Rogar Square.

Sunday Jan. 23

At 10 a.m. a conference meeting was held at the University branch. There were about three hundred people present. El. Miller, Sir. Wintch and I from No. 22. Talbed. Pres. Ellsworth and El. Houlson gave us some valuable thots. At 2 p.m. we met at the Rose Land church and the church was filled to capacity. Sister Linton from No. 22. talked there. The Book of Mormon was the subject of each talker and the spirit of the work was still there. At 7:30 meeting was held at Rogar Square and the church was filled.

All three meetings were spiritual feast. In Pres. Ellsworth's talk he prophesied many things. He said that there were some there who would see stakes of Zion established in Chi. and other parts of the mirror. He also stated that the day was not very far away when people would come into the church by the thousands in the city of Chicago and ~~not~~ would then wonder why they had been spiritually blind.

Monday Jan. 24.

A priesthood meeting was held

at 9 A.M. Two sisters from Utah who had met with a Council of Women in the East talked to us. We received our assignments. Elders Emrey and Stocker were released. El. Miller was to be released in a few weeks so El. Tennor who was chosen to succeed him was sent to our conference to get acquainted. I received a transfer from Galensburg to Bloomington to take charge. El. Ray, Eliza & Sisters Lillian Kipper and Euphemia Anderson were to be my companions. After meeting we had our picture taken. There were even fifty of us or it. Elders Emrey, Pulipher, Hyman, Hatch & I went up town and went to a few shows.

Tuesday Jan 25

Went to the office about 7 A.M. before leaving for my field of labor. Els. Pulipher and Emrey & I went to Aurora on the third rail line. I spent the day and night there ate dinner at Mrs. Draper. In the afternoon El. Pulipher and I went to Sir. Kiesel and arranged for a cottage meeting there in the evening. We then went to Bro. & Sir. Reynolds to tell them of the

meeting. We ate supper with them and it was a good one. Our cottage meeting was a good one and a fine spirit was present.

Wednesday Jan. 26

Left Aurora at 7:30 for Joliet where I caught a 10:2 A.M. train for Bloomington. Traveled on the Chicago & Alton. Arrived at Bloomington at 1:12 P.M. El. Davis was there to meet me. In the afternoon El. Stoecker and I visited Bro. & Sis. Bartor and a family of friends by the name of Lewis. We held mutual in the evening at Bro. & Sis. Shaplers' home. Inasmuch as sister Wintch was leaving they turned the mutual into a party. had a good time.

Thursday Jan. 27

El. B. G. Miller & W. M. Tennor had arrived the night before so were up to the room ready for work. We each took two B. of M. out determined to get rid of them. El. Miller and I went on Jefferson St. and had a fine time. I got rid of both of mine. In the afternoon El. Miller and I visited some

friends. We had supper at the home of Mr. Rheinhardt. There was a party there in honor of El. Stocker in the evening. Had a fine time playing games such as "spirits" "hypnotizing" and a guessing game. El. Miller and I played that none could catch on to. One would leave the room and the crowd would select an article. Upon his return to the room the other would ask if it was such & such an article and when he came to the chosen article the one who had left the room would say so. Something composed of cloth would be named the third before the chosen article.

Friday Mar. 28.

It was raining a little but El. Miller and I went tracting in the forenoon. In the afternoon we printed some pictures and then visited friends and tracted a little. Visited Mr. Chambers a few minutes and then went to Mr. & Mrs. Rheinhardt where Mr. El. Stocker left for home at 2:35 P. M. over the Chic. and Alton. Studied in the evening.

Saturday Mar. 29.

Made out reports and wrote letters in the forenoon. In the

afternoon we went to a picture show. Held priesthood meeting in the evening.

Sunday Jan. 30.

At 9: A. M. we met in Sunday-school teachers meeting. At 9:30 Sunday-school and at 11 A. M. preaching service. Elds. Miller & Tignor were the main speakers. After this we held a local priesthood meeting. Elds. Miller, Tignor, Davis and I had dinner at Link's and supper at McAnelly's. Our meeting in the evening was a success. All the missionaries talked. Elds. Tignor & Miller played a piano duet and they, Miller & Tignor and I sang, "O! My Father, together."

Monday Jan. 31.

Eld. Miller and Tignor left at 10 A. M. for Florio. In the evening sisters Anderson & Suffin visited Mr. and Mrs. Haines.

Tuesday Feb. 1

El. Davis and I drop tracted in the forenoon. I studied in the evening and had quite a talk with Epstein.

Wednesday Feb. 2

Drop tracted in my district and did some personal trading. I visited some friends El. Franklin.

Left and found me to be pretty good. Our mutual was held at the home of Bro. & Sis. McAnelly

Thursday Feb. 3

Worked as usual all day.

Friday Feb. 4.

Tracted in the morning. In the afternoon El. Davis and I went to 302 W. Main to visit a Mr. Hammond. He wasn't home but we got in a conversation with a gentleman across the st hall who came to the door to tell us Mr. Hammond wasn't home. We left him a Book of Mormon. In the evening we attended a meeting with the committee for the bazaar. They had solicited the business houses and met with fine success. Had collected something like \$10.35 in cash and a great amount of other donations.

Saturday Feb. 5.

Spent most of the day bathing, writing letters and making out reports. At five we held our Priesthood meeting. In the evening El. Davis and I visited Bro. & Sis. Holser.

Sunday Feb. 6

None of the teachers or officers were

out for Prayer Meeting so we didn't hold one. Had a good time in Sunday-school altho there were few out. Had a good testimony meeting. Spent the afternoon reading and writing. Our evening meeting was a success. El. Davis, Sr. & Bro. Postagner, Bro. McAnelly and I talked. Held an extra meeting with the saints after church to decide upon some system of paying hall rent. Bros. Link and McAnelly to visit each saint and see how much each would pay per month.

Monday Feb. 7

After class made out a list of the saints and their addresses and El. Davis & I took it to Bro. Link. Sister Link gave me a dollar for hall-rent as she promised she would do, for night. In the afternoon Sister Anderson, Griffer and I made a visit to several friends with but little success. In the evening I stayed home and wrote to mother and Glen while El. Davis visited with the sisters.

Tuesday Feb. 8

Looked around in the morning to see if we could locate a hall

to hold the bazaar in. Visited
 Sis. Chambers in the afternoon. In
 the evening I took the sisters
 I visit Lewises. Mrs. Lewis' father
 is crazy and stays there with
 them. After we had been there
 about fifteen minutes he started
 to undress in the room where
 we were and got in bed. When
 he is in the sitting room, but
 Mrs. Lewis stopped him. The old
 man watched in chance and as
 soon as Mrs. Lewis left the room
 for a few seconds the old man
 undressed and got in bed. When
 he started to undress the sisters
 turned around on their seats until
 their backs were on the old man.
 The sisters sure did have my sym-
 pathy.

Wednesday Feb. 9.

Went personal tracting in the
 morning but didn't have much
 success. Did a little tracting
 in the afternoon. In the evening
 we held Mutual at Bro. and Sis.
 Rheinhardt. Bro. Sharpless
 wasn't there so I taught the
 class. It was on Consecration so
 I had a good opportunity to
 bring a few things pointed out.
 We had a good class.

Thursday Feb. 10.

My personal trading was in an aristocratic district so did have much success. Got more turn-downs than I had received in any days trading previous. There wasn't a place that treated me right. In the afternoon El. Davis and I called at the place I had left a B. of M. the week before but no one was home. The sisters and I spent the evening at Mr. & Mrs. Evans home or W. Taylor.

Friday Feb. 11.

I searched for a new and better district which I found west of the C. & A. tracks and south of Market street. In the afternoon we called on Sir. Williams and Sir. Houser. We ate supper at Sir. Williams's. The committee met at for the bazaar met at Sir.

Rich's. A few things were decided upon. They planned to have a little piano playing and singing for a hour. On our way home sisters, Houser, D. Farr, Anderson and Griffin and El. Davis & I had a snow fight.

Saturday Feb. 12.

Bathed and wrote letters in the morning. After dinner El. Davis and I attended a picture show. Upon returning home we learned that El. Vernon had arrived. At five we all met at Stagers for priesthood meeting. We had a fine one. After supper we went out to Bro. & Mrs. Robinson and held a cottage meeting.

Sunday Feb. 13.

Had a good Sunday school and preaching service. After meeting we held a local priesthood meeting. I ordained Bro. David Fredrich Houser to the office of an Elder in the Melchizedek priesthood. We ate dinner and spent the afternoon at Bro. Williamson's. Had a good meeting in the evening.

Monday Feb. 14

El. Vernon and I went to Bro. Houser to fill the genealogy blank to send to the office, reporting his ordination. We then tried to find Mr. & Mrs. Martin but were unsuccessful. Visited Bro. Eaton. El. Vernon and Davis and I ate dinner at Bro. & Mrs. Rheinhardt's. In the afternoon El. Vernon and I called on Mr. Hammond and had a good

talk with him. Having heard that
 Sir. Link had called a meeting of the
 Bazar committee, El. Fernor and I
 went to Itaguess where it was to
 be held. Sir. Link had no right
 to call the meeting and we gave
 her to understand it. Also gave
 the rest to understand that the
 lady missionaries were their
 instructors, advisers etc. After
 the meeting we administered to
 Pearl Barr. In company with
 Sisters Rhinhardt, Smock and
 Daisy Barr, ^{12 people} El. Fernor & I went to
 a picture show. It was a
 comedy and we sure enjoyed it.

Tuesday Feb. 15-

El. Fernor tracted with me in
 the morning. Didnt have much
 success. I visited Mr. Crawford in
 the afternoon. Didnt go out in the
 evening.

Wednesday Feb. 16

It was a fine day and I had a
 good time tracting. Met a fine
 family about a half mile in the
 country from the city limits. In
 the evening we held a successful
 Mutual meeting at Bro. & Sis. Womans.

Thursday Feb. 17.

Twenty three months since I left
 was set apart for my mission.

had a good time tracting. In the afternoon El. Terror and I visited Bro & Sis Kantor. El. Terror took the sisters out to Brown's and El. Davis & I stayed home.

Thursday

Friday Feb. 18

Took two Br & W. with me to tract and was determined to get them out. but was unsuccessful. Tracted untill noon when I run out of tracts but didn't get a B. & W. out. El. Terror took the sisters to the bazar committee meeting in the evening.

Saturday Feb. 19

Spent the forenoon in writing letters making out reports etc. At 5 p.m. we held freethood meeting and then went out to Bro. & Sis. Hobson's where we ate supper and spent the evening.

Sunday Feb. 20

Met in teachers meeting at nine and Sunday-school at 9:30^{a.m.} At eleven we held our preaching service. El. Terror, Davis, Bro & Sis. Williamson, Sis. Amock and I went to Mrs. Amelly's for dinner. We had a fine meeting in the evening. I was first speaker and apolo-

the ~~God~~ personality of God. Els. Davis
+ Fernor each gave a good talk.
We administered to Sisters Chambers
and Williamson.

Monday Feb. 21.

El. Fernor and I visited a couple
of friends he had made, hunted
for Martins and visited Bro. & Sis.
[unclear] in the forenoon. His
[unclear] said if we would meet
her at the [unclear] at 2:20 P. M.
she would take us in. We were
there but she failed to come for
some reason. One of El. Fernor's
friends gave him three Burselite
books and while carrying them
down the street sold one for
twenty cents. The missionaries
had supper and spent the evening
at Bro. & Sis. [unclear]'s. Held a cottage
meeting after supper.

The remainder of the week went
by with good success.

Sunday Feb. 27.

Had good meetings and good
time. El. Davis and I ate dinner
at Bro. & Sis. Chambers. Our Local
[unclear] meeting was a success.
The remainder of this week
passed with joy.

Friday Mar. 3.

The Saints gave a party in honor of Bro. & Sis. Sharpless who were to leave the following Wed. for the southern part of the state where they expected to make their future home. The party was at Bro. & Sis. Stagner's. Had a great time. Weemier, sour pickles, buns & cocoa was served.

Saturday Mar. 4.

Studied and wrote letters most of the day. At five we held our Priesthood meeting. Had supper and spent the evening with Bro. & Sis. Hooser.

Sunday Mar. 5.

It was fast Sunday so we had testimony meetings and it was a good one. Everyone seemed to enjoy the spirit that was manifested there. Our evening service was well attended and a good spirit prevailed thruout.

Monday Mar. 6.

Not much success tracting in the morning. In the afternoon El. Davis and I visited Calhoun, Bartons, Sharpless & Langholf. El. Davis took the sisters out in the evening.

Worked steady with good results.
 Went in some time on the bazaar
 which was held Friday Mar. 17. Took
 in \$49 and had \$3 expenses which left
 \$46 cash clear of expenses. I put \$39.35
 in the bank for the Bloomington
 Relief Society.

Mar. 27th Eliza left and went
 to Kalenawa to work. A party was
 given 25th at Sir. Stagner's.

April 2nd 1896

Had a fine Sunday school, the
 best since I came here. In fast meeting
 Bro. Houser, Bro. McAnelly and I blessed
 five children. The first was Bro. Houser's
 sister's baby and I blessed it, naming
 it, Frankie Garfield Barber. The
 rest were blessed as follows.

William Louis Reinhardt, by
 Bro. Houser & McAnelly.

James Bert Smock by Eliza Houser
 Gladys Violet Reinhardt by "

~~Bro. David Houser~~

Clarence Roland Reinhardt by
 Bro. David Houser.

Had over forty out to night
 meeting.

Monday April 3rd

The Saints gave a birthday party on Sat. even. it being his 42nd birthday. Ice cream and cake was served. Spent our time, good spirit prevailed and all enjoyed themselves.

Continued to work in usual manner. Visited George Hobbs as regularly as possible. On Sunday Apr. 4th the sisters and I went out to Miller farm, where we found Bro. and Sister Hobbs and saw a fine picture. The young woman, Sister Hobbs painted which created a little excitement. She was given the remainder of the week. There were forty-eight out to meeting that night.

April 5th Sunday.

Had a full meeting and all felt good for coming out.

Monday April 17.

Tracted in the morning. Went to see Sir. Hobbs in afternoon. In the evening the sisters and I visited Bro. George Hobbs and family. Had a fine time with them. We sang a song and had prayer before leaving. When we got ready to go Bro. Hobbs said

his wife if she was ready to be baptized. She told him to lead her. He asked if we would baptize them the following Sunday which we agreed to do. Then the persistent efforts of Bro. & sister Charles Hobson and the mercies of God they were converted.

Tuesday Apr. 18.

Tracted in the morning and went to see about using the Muller Case for baptismal service on Easter Sunday. Mr. Bongardner was not home so I didn't get permission. In the afternoon the sisters and I visited Mr. Howarth and had quite a talk with him. He thinks he is prejudiced and made up a number of passages, comments etc to give us when we visit him. Upon my return home I learned I had a call to go to Hobson's immediately. I found Sis. Hobson quite sick and was unconscious. I administered to her and she regained consciousness and felt better. The sisters and I visited Bro. & Sis. Reinart and then went out and sat up with Sis. Hobson. She felt good due to some pills the Dr. gave her.

Wednesday Apr. 19.

The sisters and I left Sis. Hobson at six o'clock. She was feeling much

better. When I arrived home the door was locked so I had to awaken Clara to let me in. Slept from 6:30 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. Went to Miller Park to see if we could obtain the lake for our baptismal service on the 2nd. Mr. Bangardner gave me ~~permission~~ permission to use it and the bath house free of charge. I fasted until about 5:30 when I got dinner and took a quart of ice cream out to Hobson. Sis. Hobson ate a dish of it. She was feeling better. Held Mutual at Bro. & Sis. McAnelly. There wasn't a very good spirit present.

Thursday Apr. 20.

Tracted in the morning. After dinner I went to see Sis. Hobson. El. Fernor arrived at 1:15 P.M. and came down. In the afternoon he and I visited Sis. Martin & Handoff but neither was at home so we went to see Bartlett & Timmons but neither of them was home. In the evening the Sis. & I visited Bro. & Sis. Evans.

Friday Apr. 21

Spent the morning in tracting as usual. In the afternoon I received a call to go to Hobson in a hurry. El. Fernor and I went out and learned the Relief Society had decided to

send Sir. Hobson to the hospital for a rest and wanted to consult us. We decided it was a good scheme so Sisters Smock and Williams went to St. Joseph's Hospital and engaged a room. Bro. Hobson and I took her down in a taxi. Upon arriving we found they had a room with three beds and a nervous old lady in there, so we engaged a different room which was private. She seemed to be pleased about being there. In the evening the sisters and I visited Mr. & Mrs. Rhodes.

Saturday, Apr. 22.

El. Vernon and I went to Sir. Langhoffs to see about blessing and baptizing her children. We then went to the hospital and visited Sir. Hobson. While there we administered to her. In the afternoon we went to the Majestic Theatre. As we were entering a fellow asked us if we would take some handcuffs and handcuff Hardeer on the stage. We took the handcuffs and when Hardeer came on he asked if any in the audience wished to put handcuffs on him so we with five others went up, and put five pair of handcuffs and a pair of shackles on but he soon got out

of them. He got in a car, filled with water and we put six padlocks on the lid and he was out in 35 seconds. In the evening we tried to hold a street meeting but no one stopped to listen.

Sunday April 23.

There were over sixty out to our meeting. We blessed eleven children. At 3 P.M. we held a baptismal service at which I baptized Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Hobson. Their little girl was to be baptized but got frightened. There were about eight to be bap. but they thought the water was too cold. In the evening there were over fifty out to meeting. We confirmed bro. & sis. Hobson. Bro. Chambers and I visited sis. Hobson in the afternoon. El. Vernon and I ate supper with Chambers.

Monday April 24.

Tracked in the morning and visited in the afternoon. In the evening El. Vernon took B. & B. out visiting while the sister and I ~~with~~ visited Mrs. Brown or Colton & I.

Tuesday April 25.

Spent the morning in tracking as usual. In the afternoon El. Vernon and I went and administered to

Sis. Williamson. We then visited Sis. Bower and Sir Robert at the hospital. Sir Robert wasn't feeling so well. El. Verner went with Bro. McAnelly to visit a friend in the country while the sisters & I visited an old maid on Bee St. About 1 o'clock I woke up and found El. Verner hadn't got in. Couldn't imagine what had happened to him. Again about two I woke up and heard him coming in the room. He and Bro. McAnelly had missed the interurban and had to walk in.

Wednesday Apr. 26.

Tracked as usual in the morning. In the afternoon El. Verner & I went to four places and only found one house and that was Mrs. Clark on W. Mill St. Held a trial at Bro. & Sir. Reinhardt.

Thursday Apr. 27.

El. Verner left in the morning for Georgia. At noon I visited Sis. Robert and found her feeling much better. Had supper at Bro. & Sir. Bowers. Sisters and I visited Mr. & Mrs. Sherk in the evening and had a good time with them.

Friday Apr. 28.

Had good time tracking in the forenoon. In the evening the sisters and I visited Bro. & Sir. George Robert and had a fine time with them. He asked several

Questions and we answered them for him. Bro. Charles Hobbs came down and walked home with us.

Saturday Apr. 29.

I went to Mr. Williamson's to see about a Relief Society officers meeting to decide upon paying Mr. Hobbs' hospital bill. Stayed for dinner. & then went out and visited Mr. Hobbs. Mr. Lufkin was ill in the evening so couldn't help us hold a street meeting. Mr. Anderson, Daisy, Bro. Adam Schuppura & I held one but no one came to hear us. Same meeting. Received word from Mr. B. May 6-7.

Sunday Apr. 30.

Had good Sunday school and meeting. Sister & I visited Mr. Hobbs in the afternoon. Had our meeting in the evening due to Bro. McChesney's song, drew out speech.

Worked all week preparing for conference.

Sat. May 6

At 2 P. M. we met in first church meeting at Mr. Lufkin's. Bros. Elsworth & Frank Powers and Mr. Elsworth and all the Con. Elders were present. Had a fine meeting and I received some valuable instructions. In the evening we held two short street meetings. Mr. Lufkin took charge of one & the other. After this

we held a public meeting in the hall. Pres. Ellsworth & E. Bowers gave us some fine talks. I had a talk with Pres. Ellsworth. He was well pleased with the crowd.

Sunday May 7.

Held conference all day and had a big spiritual feast.

Monday May 8.

Held priesthood in the morning at which we received our appointments. All the Elders were to leave for the country. E. Newby and I were to go east & start the next day. I went to all the saints and said good-bye to them. In the evening the sisters & I went to make a visit but found no one home so we went to the show.

Tuesday May 9.

Ate dinner at Hobson's just before leaving for the country. Had a poor week of country work. Kannah is the worst city going. Our week-end stop was, Lima Park, where we found some of our saints and had a good time.

Sunday ~~June~~ May 14.

During this week we traveled from Lima Park to Watsba to Gilman and then to Kanabake where we stayed over Sat. & Sun. with an old lady who that we were slight.

Sunday May 21

This week we travelled from Kankakee to Dwight to Chenoa where we took the train for Peoria and spent Sat. & Sunday.

Sunday June May 20

Went from Peoria to Elmwood & Springfield, back to Peoria where we were home. Friday of this week Elr. Anderson & Newby were sent out to visit but went on the boat instead. El. Newby got home about twelve & Anderson at 1:50 P.M. Saturday night they remained out until 11:30.

Sunday June 4.

Elders Anderson, Spencer, Newby and I stood in Peoria preparing for a baptismal service which we held on June 11 and El. Spencer baptized Naomi Willard. On June 16 we held another service at which El. Tennor baptized Bertha Ferguson & Roy Thompson. It continued such until

Mon. June 22

El. Anderson came over on his way home. On Monday June 20 for Chicago. On 26th I wrote to the office for a transfer to another conference.

We went until Wednesday June 24 when I received word from Pres. Ellsworth that I had been transferred

to the Wisconsin Co. War Department
 or Peoria until after the 4th of July.

July 1 Saturday.

At 12.30 P.M. Pres. Ellsworth met
 with the Elders of No. 22. Co. He
 had received or had a dream that
 he had a setting of eggs in which
 were two totally rotten ones and three
 other bad ones. He came to our con-
 ference to find one of them which
 was Elder W. F. Anderson. He had
 been chasing girls in Minnesota and
 then sent to No. 22. to take one more
 chance at fulfilling an honorable mission.
 He had chased girls in Peoria; one in
 particular, Bernice Gsch. He didn't
 appear at friendship meeting which
 made Pres. Ellsworth angry.

Sunday July 2.

Had a friendship meeting in the
 morning. Sunday school and
 preaching service were also held. El.
 Ellsworth + had dinner at 1.30. & his
 fasting. He had two street meetings
 in the afternoon. In the evening we
 held a regular hall meeting. Some
 of the girls were talking which detracted
 from the spirit of the meeting so I gave
 a short talk about it. They begged me
 to pardon after meeting.

Monday July 3

We went to the carnival and saw some boat races.

Tuesday July 4

The branch met at Glen Oak Park where we spent the day. I took some pictures. One of the dinner table, Herbert and some of the others, sisters Giffin and Anderson, Miss. Theresa Wood, E. Ferner & myself. All had a fine time. In the evening we went down to the river and saw a little of the carnival.

Wednesday July 5.

Held a faithhood meeting in the morning. E. Anderson didn't come to meeting. He went out hunting a job. From all indications he will not work in the summer any more. All the Elders felt fine. I started for Chicago at 1:30 P. M. on the Rock Island. Arrived in Chicago at 5:30 and stayed over night. Fine trip.

Thursday July 6

Cught the steamer Christopher Columbus at 9:15 for Milwaukee. It is a whale backed boat and one of the largest on the lakes. Had a fine trip over. As we were going up the Milwaukee River we met with a rather interesting experience. We had gone thru several bridges and were about to go

thru a jack-knife bridge when one side of it lowered enough to cause the boat to rub it which caused one side of the upper deck to be torn away for about 20 feet. No one was hurt but all were frightened several fainted. Found the Elders alright. Went visiting with El. Clark in the evening. Patching in the basement of the church at 2707 Clarke St. Ex. H. D. Clark, R. J. Barclay, H. F. Jeller and A. Frederick were there.

Milwaukee Bridge Crashes on Deck of Chris. Columbus

Passengers Escape When Pilot
House and Captain's Cabin
Are Smashed.
July 2

Panic broke loose yesterday on the Christopher Columbus when the bridge at Michigan street, Milwaukee, fell as the boat was passing through the draw. Hundreds of Chicago passengers, frightened by the crash, rushed to the boat's side, expecting a catastrophe.

The fall of the bridge was from sufficient height to crush the pilot house, the captain's cabin and one of the life boats, which were in its path. The accident released the boat whistle and this added to the terror and confusion among the passengers. It was several minutes before calm was restored and it was learned that no one was injured.

The Goodrich Transit Company, owners of the boat, issued a statement last night to assure the public of the safety of the passengers. The boat left Milwaukee for Chicago on

Spent the time in an enjoyable way until July 15. We would boat ride at Washington every now and then. Laboring with L. J. Barclay, H. D. Clarke & A. Frederick.

July 15/16

The city gave a preparatory parade. It was great. About seventy thousand marched in it. Street meeting in the evening.

July 21 Friday.

Have done very little work up until this time. Have have had several good times since I arrived. El. Houlson & I tracted together in the morning.

July 22 Saturday

We cleaned up the hall and bathed. Elder P. D. Clarke, Sisters Jennie Wintch & Millie Randall and Milwaukee Choir went to Chicago. Rained at night so we couldn't hold street meeting. El. Houlson and I had a big talk together.

Sunday July 23.

Sunday school and meeting in the morning. Had dinner at Bentons. Held a cottage meeting there in the afternoon. Meeting in the evening.

Monday July 24.

Elder Clarke & Sisters got back from Chicago. Being the 24th of July or Pioneer Day Day we took a day

off. Elders Houlson and Barclay and I
met Sisters Hyde & Amy Lyman of
the General Board of Pious Society.
They came to Milwaukee to hold a
meeting the Wm. Relief Society. We went
thru Schlitz Brewery with them.
At eight o'clock we held a meeting
at which the visiting sisters gave some
powerful talks. Refreshments were
served after meeting.

The rest of the week was so
hot we could do but very little work.
In some parts of the city the th
registered 108 and more.

Sunday July 30.

It was certainly warm. They called
me up to talk in the morning and
it was so warm I only occupied
about two minutes. In the evening I
taught on "Morning Trials & Persecutions".
The warmest day yet.

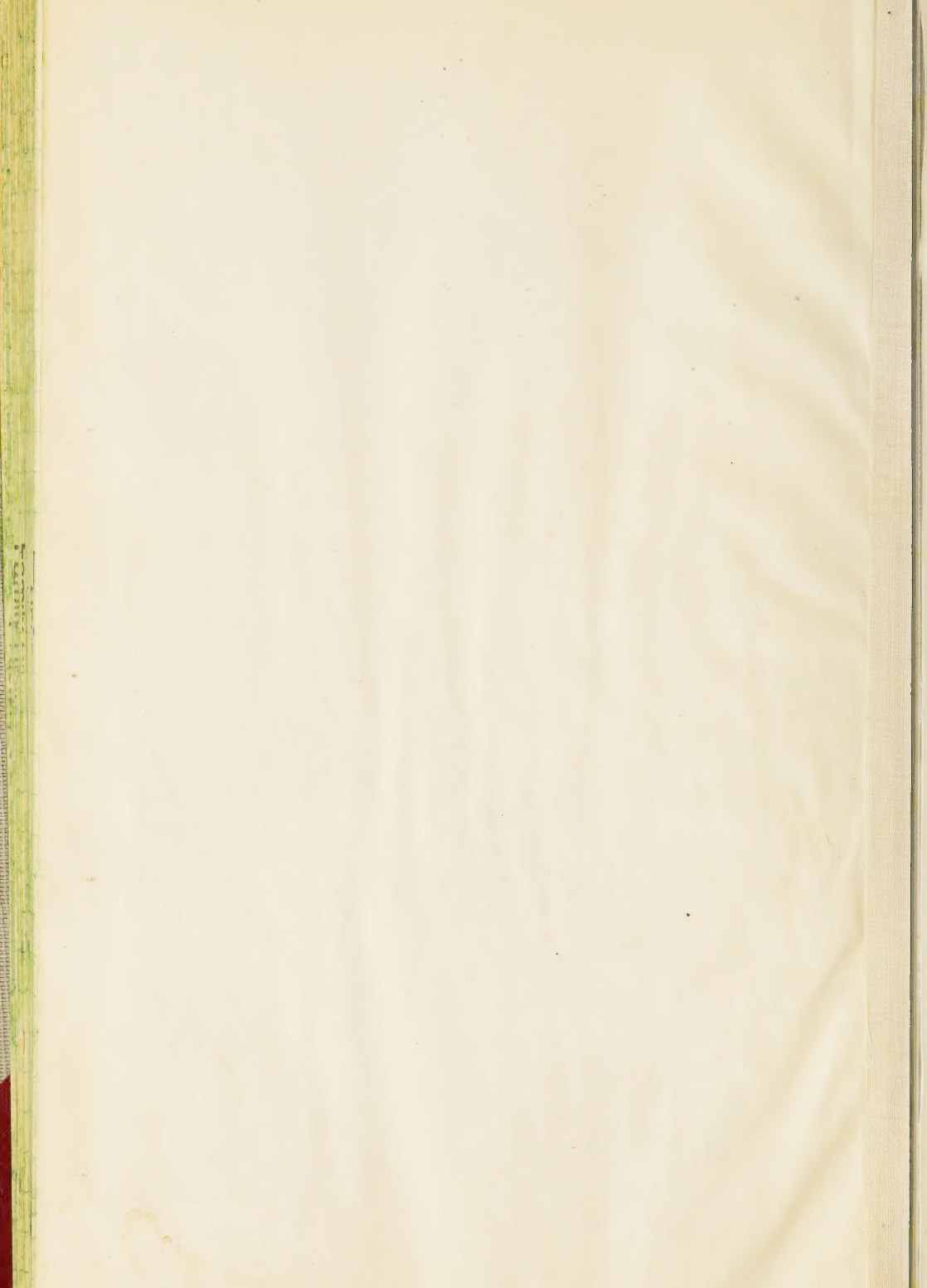
Monday July 31

Tracted in the morning. In the
afternoon El. Clarke and I visited
Mrs. Regar. El. Clarke and I visited Mr.
and Mrs. Helmerath on 26th St. in
the evening.

Tuesday August 1

Cooler weather. Tracted in morning
with fairly good success. El. Barclay

and I called or Jensens but didn't
get in. Wednesday August 2.



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